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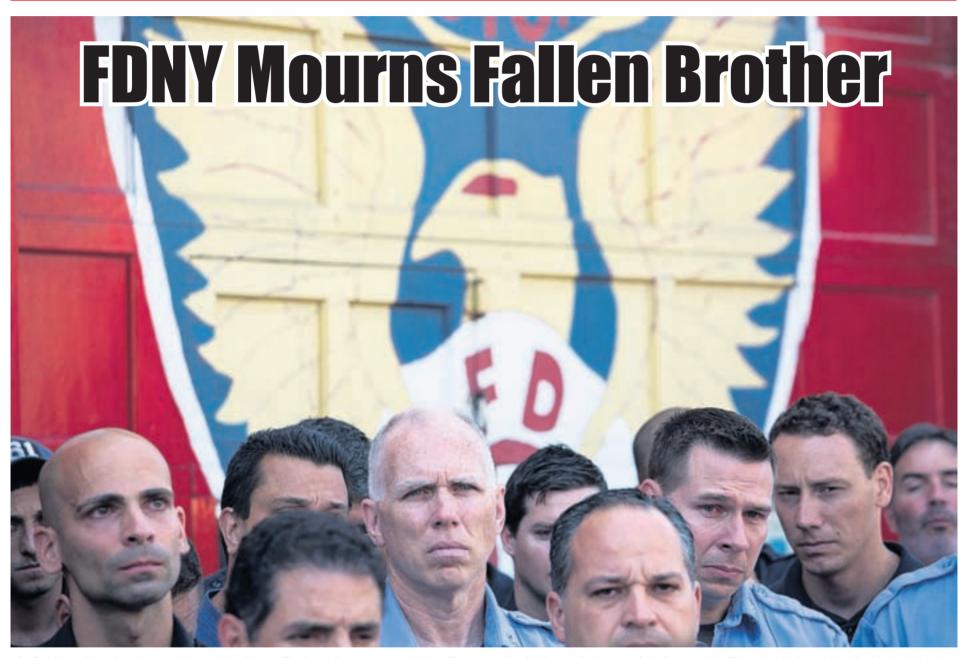
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Firefighters at Engine 211/Ladder 119 look on after hanging ceremonial bunting over the firehouse in honor of Lt. Gordon Matthew Ambelas, who died late Saturday after he became trapped during a search for residents in a blaze at a Brooklyn high-rise building, in New York, July 6, 2014.

(Damon Winter/The New York Times)

New York City Firefighter Dies After Brooklyn Blaze

EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS © 2014 New York Times **NEW YORK -** A New York City firefighter died late Saturday after he became trapped during a search for residents in a blaze at a Brooklyn high-rise building,

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the first city firefighter to die in the line of duty in more than two years, the authori-

Matthew Ambelas, was looking for residents in an apartment on the 19th floor when the fire "flashed over"

and trapped him in a bedroom, Mayor Bill de Blasio's office said in a statement Sunday morning. Other The firefighter, Lt. Gordon firefighters found him unconscious and, along with other emergency workers, tried to resuscitate him. Ambelas, a 14-year veter-

an of the Fire Department, was taken in critical condition to Woodhull Medical Center, where he later died. Four other people, including two other firefighters, suffered minor injuries in the blaze.

More than 100 firefighters

responded to the fire shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday at the 21-story public housing building. The blaze escalated quickly, but the fire was under control in about an hour, fire officials said.

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Legal, political hurdles grip child migrant crisis

CHARLES BABINGTON Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal, humanitarian and political constraints facing the Obama administration as it copes with thousands of Central American children entering the country illegally came into sharp focus in a series of inter-

He acknowledged that the unaccompanied children from Central America, some 9,700 taken into custody in May alone, pose the most vexing problem. All persons, regardless of age, face "a deportation proceeding" if they are caught entering the country illegally, Johnson said.

neys north.

Their numbers have overwhelmed federal agencies. When 140 would-be immigrants -- mostly mothers with children -- were flown to southern California to ease an overcrowded Texas facility, angry residents of Murrieta greeted the buses as they over to the Department of Health and Human Services for care and housing. Unlike Mexican or Canadian children, the Central Americans must be taken into custody and given a deportation hearing before they can be returned to their home countries.

A possible change to the



Demonstrators confront each other as Murrieta police officers look on, outside a U.S. Border Patrol station in Murrieta, Calif. Demonstrators on both sides of the immigration debate had gathered where the agency was foiled in an attempt to bus in and process some of the immigrants who have flooded the Texas border with Mexico.

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

views Sunday.

A George W. Bush-era law to address human trafficking prevents the government from returning the children to their home countries without taking them into custody and eventually through a deportation hearing. Minors from Mexico and Canada, by contrast, can be sent back across the border more easily. The administration says it wants more flexibility under the law.

Even if Congress agrees, however, the change might do little to ease the partisan quarreling and complex logistical and humanitarian challenges surrounding the issue.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Sunday the administration has dramatically sped up the processing of adults who enter the country illegally, and it is opening more detention facilities.

The administration, he said, is "looking at ways to create additional options for dealing with the children in particular, consistent with our laws and our values."

Repeatedly pressed to say whether thousands of Central American children will be deported promptly, Johnson said, "we need to find more efficient, effective ways to turn this tide around generally, and we've already begun to do that."

Several Republicans, and even a Democrat, said the administration has reacted too slowly and cautiously to the crisis. More than 50,000 unaccompanied minors have been caught on the U.S.-Mexico border this year. Most are from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, where a spike in violence and poverty are prompting parents to send their children on difficult and dangerous jourpulled into town, complaining that they were being asked to do more than their share.

"This is a failure of diplomacy, it is a failure of leadership from the administration," said Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who sought the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat, said the administration "is one step behind" a major dilemma that was foreseeable. The number of children coming from Central America without adults has been rising dramatically for several years. President Barack Obama is asking Congress for more money and authority to send the children home, even as he also seeks ways to allow millions of other people already living in the U.S. illegally to stay. The Bush-era law requires unaccompanied children to be handed

Bush-era law could give Border Patrol agents more leeway in handling these children.

Unaccompanied Central American children generally are being released to relatives already in the United States. Mothers with their children often are released with a notice to appear later in immigration

Meanwhile, word of seemingly successful border crossings reaches their home countries, encouraging others to try.

Johnson said the U.S. government is trying to send the message that all persons who enter the country illegally will face deportation proceedings eventually. In Central America, he said, "the criminal smuggling organizations are putting out a lot of disinformation about supposed free passes into this country" that will expire soon.

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Hope runs out for 8 trapped in Honduras mine

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Authorities are making a last ditch effort to rescue eight men trapped in a small gold mine. Geologist Anibal Godoy is heading the rescue and recovery operation at the old, unregulated San Juan Arriba mine. It is located in a mountainous municipality known as El Corpus, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of the capital Tegucigalpa. Godoy said Sunday that rescue workers are unlikely to find the men alive. Eleven workers who were in the mine were able to flee immediately after Wednesday's collapse, and three others were rescued on Friday. About 5,000 people work in artisanal mining in the area, many turning to the mines because plagues devastated the region's grain and coffee crops.

Man admits to killing 5 females in rural Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) - AUthorities in Mexico say a man has confessed to killing at least five women, all but one of them minors, in the northern state of San Luis Potosi. The state attorney general's office says 43-year-old Filiberto Hernandez Martinez was arrested Saturday after confessing to committing the killings since 2010. A statement says authorities have found the remains of only three of the victims — a 32-year-old factory worker, a 13-year-old girl and a 9-year-old girl. The statement says the teenager's body was found three years ago after she went missing. It says the other two bodies were found Friday. The girl disappeared in April and the woman in May. Officials are searching for the remains of the two other victims. One has been missing since 2010, the other since 2013.



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Nonprofits' contraceptive cases next for Supreme Court



The Supreme Court building in Washington, following various court decisions, in July, 2014.

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MARK SHERMAN RACHEL ZOLL Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — How much distance from an immoral act is enough?

That's the difficult question behind the next legal dispute over religion, birth control and the health care law that is likely to be resolved by the Supreme Court.

The issue in more than four dozen lawsuits from faithaffiliated charities, colleges and hospitals that oppose some or all contraception as immoral is how far the Obama administration them.

lieved businesses with reli-faith-affiliated nonprofits. gious objections of their ob- Hobby Lobby Inc., winner ligation to pay for women's of its Supreme Court case contraceptives among a last month, also is a Becket range of preventive servic- Fund client. es the new law calls for in The high court will be asked

their health plans.

Religious-oriented nonprofit groups already could opt out of covering the contraceptives. But the organizations say the accommodation provided by the administration does not go far enough because, though they are not on the hook financially, they remain complicit in the provision of government-approved contraceptives to women covered by their plans.

"Anything that forces unwilling religious believers to be part of the system is not going to pass the test," said Mark Rienzi, senior counmust go to accommodate sell for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which The justices on June 30 re-represents many of the

to take on the issue in its term that begins in October. A challenge from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, probably will be the first case to reach the court.

The Obama administration argues that the accommodation creates a generous moral and financial buffer between religious objectors and funding birth control. The nonprofit groups just have to raise their hands and say that paying for any or all of the 20 devices and methods approved by government regulators would violate their religious beliefs.

To do so, they must fill out

a government document known as Form 700 that enables their insurers or thirdparty administrators to take on the responsibility of paying for the birth control.

The employer does not have to arrange the coverage or pay for it. Insurers get reimbursed by the government through credits against fees owed under other parts of the health

Houses of worship and other religious institutions whose primary purpose is to spread the faith are exempt from the requirement to offer birth control.

The objections by religious nonprofits are rooted in teachings against facilitating sin.

Roman Catholic bishops and other religious plaintiffs argue that filling out the government form that registers opposition to contraceptives, then sending the document to the insurer or third-party administrator, is akin to signing a permission slip to engage in evil.

In the Hobby Lobby case, the justices rejected the government argument that there was no violation of conscience because the link between birth control coverage and the outcome the employer considers morally wrong was slight.

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New York City firefighter dies after Brooklyn blaze

Ambelas' death at a news

conference early Sunday

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Ambelas, 40, who lived on Staten Island with his wife, Nanette, and two daughters, was the first city firefighter to die in the line of duty since April 2012, when Lt. Richard A. Nappi died after responding to a fire at a warehouse in Brooklyn.

with the fire commissioner, Daniel A. Nigro, outside Woodhull Medical Center The mayor announced in Brooklyn.

> "We have lost a real hero tonight, and our hearts are heavy," de Blasio said.

> The cause of the fire was under investigation, fire officials said. A preliminary inquiry pointed to an electrical problem in a bedroom as sparking the fire, a law enforcement official said. But fire officials said no conclusions had been reached as to a cause.

> At Ambelas' firehouse on Sunday, firefighters and other department personnel gathered to fasten the traditional purpleand-black mourning bunting above the firehouse. They watched in silence

as a large red fire truck emerged from the firehouse of Tower Ladder 119 and Engine Co. 211. Three firefighters in hard hats rose to fasten the bunting. One man held a bouquet of white roses. Others' eyes welled with tears.

A fellow firefighter, Eric Bischoff, who served alongside Ambelas at Engine 161 on Staten Island, stepped in front of the crowd to pay tribute to his longtime friend.

"He was beloved by evervone in the firehouse," Bischoff said, calling him "a gentle soul." "He never had a harsh word for anybody." Ambelas was raised in Port Richmond on Staten Island and had been married for almost 10 years, Bischoff said. He had served the department in all five boroughs: doing recovery work in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks; helping with recovery in the wake of Hurricane Sandy in 2012; and, most recently, serving in Williamsburg.

"He was a battle-tested firefighter," Bischoff said. "Matt Ambelas was on the front lines."

In the blaze Saturday night, Bischoff said, "Matt, true to who he is, led these men from the front, with bravery. He died a hero. That's how he lived."

Fire officials said the first call reporting the blaze at the high rise came at 9:10 p.m., drawing scores of firefighters to the building, including a ladder company led by Ambelas.

On the 19th floor, the team entered the one-bedroom apartment, 19B, where the blaze was believed to have occurred, fire officials said. What happened next was under investigation by fire marshals, who are looking into the cause, and the



An undated handout photo of Lt. Gordon Matthew Ambelas, who died late Saturday, July 5, 2014. (FDNY via New York Times)

department's safety investigators, who are seeking to determine how a fire that did not at first appear unusual ended in the death of a veteran.

Last month, he was honored as part of a group of firefighters who had helped rescue a 7-yearold boy in Brooklyn who was trapped in a roll-down gate. The boy, Mendy Gotlieb, was pulled 15 feet off the ground after his arm and head became stuck on the gate.

The firefighters were called heroes on June 26, when they were honored by the fire commissioner, a local rabbi and the boy's parents, who thanked them and presented them with plaques.

The episode showed "that FDNY members are always ready to help others," Ambelas said that day. "It was great teamwork all around." Mendy's relatives released a statement Sunday, saying they were devastated by the lieutenant's death and calling him "the savior of our child." "I hope that his family finds solace in the so many lives that are living on because of him," the family said.



Firefighters at Engine 211/Ladder 119 embrace after a memorial ceremony in honor of Lt. Gordon Matthew Ambelas, who died late Saturday after he became trapped during a search for residents in a blaze at a Brooklyn high-rise building, in New York, July 6, 2014.

(Damon Winter/The New York Times)





States look to gun seizure law after mass killings



Demonstrators raises posters as they march across the Brooklyn Bridge to call for tougher gun control laws in New York. As state officials across the U.S. grapple with how to prevent more mass killings, some are turning to a gun seizure law pioneered in Connecticut 15 years ago.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

DAVE COLLINS Associated Press HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — As state officials

(AP) — As state officials across the U.S. grapple with how to prevent mass killings like the ones at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, and near the University of California, Santa Barbara, some are turning to a gun seizure law pioneered in Connecticut 15 years ago. Connecticut's law allows judges to order guns temporarily seized after police present evidence that a person is a danger to themselves or others. A court hearing must be held within 14 days to determine whether to return the guns or authorize the state to hold them for up to a year. The 1999 law, the first of its kind in the U.S., was in response to the 1998 killings of four managers at the Connecticut Lottery headquarters by a disgruntled employee with a history of psychiatric problems.

Indiana is the only other state that has such a law, passed in 2005 after an Indianapolis police officer was shot to death by a mentally ill man. California and New Jersey lawmakers are now considering similar statutes, both proposed in the wake of the killings of six people — three stabbed to death and three fatally shot— and wounding of 13 others near the University of California, Santa Barbara, by a mentally ill man who had posted threatening videos on YouTube.

Michael Lawlor, Connecti-

cut's undersecretary for criminal justice planning and policy, believes the state's gun seizure law could have prevented the killings of 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, if police had been made aware that gunman Adam Lanza had mental health problems and access to his mother's legally owned guns.

"That's the kind of situation where you see the red flags and the warning signs are there, you do something about it," Lawlor said. "In many shootings around the country, after the fact it's clear that the warning signs were there." Gun rights advocates oppose gun seizure laws, saying they allow police to take people's firearms based only on allegations and before the gun owners can present their side of the story to a judge. They say they're concerned the laws violate constitutional rights.

"The government taking things away from people is never a good thing," said Rich Burgess, president of the gun rights group Connecticut Carry. "They come take your stuff and give you 14 days for a hearing. Would anybody else be OK if they just came and took your car and gave you 14 days for a hearing?"

Rachel Baird, a Connecticut lawyer who has represented many gun owners, said one of the biggest problems with the state's law is that police are abus-

ing it. She said she has had eight clients whose guns were seized by police who obtained the required warrants after taking possession of the guns.

"It's stretched and abused, and since it's firearms, the courts go along with it," Baird said of the law.

But backers of such laws say they can prevent shootings by getting guns out of the hands of mentally disturbed people.

"You want to make sure that when people are in crisis ... there is a way to prevent them to get access to firearms," said Josh Horwitz, executive director of the nonprofit Education Fund to Stop Gun Violence in Washington, D.C.

President Barack Obama tried to tighten gun regulations after the Newtown massacre, but proposals to expand background checks for gun purchasers failed to get enough votes to pass in the Senate in the face of strong opposition from the influential National Rifle Association and other gun rights groups. Some states such as Connecticut have tightened gun restrictions since Newtown, but others have expanded the right to openly carry firearms in public places.

Connecticut authorities report a large increase in the use of gun seizure warrants involving people deemed dangerous by police over the past several years. Officials aren't exactly sure what caused the increase but believe it's related to numerous highly publicized mass shootings in recent years.







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The bodies are piling up

A deadly virus, porcine epidemic diarrhea, or PEDv, is estimated to have killed, on average, more than 100,000 piglets and young hogs each week since it first showed up in Iowa in May 2013, wreaking havoc on the pork industry.

The number of hogs slaughtered this year is down 4.2 percent, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department, to roughly 50 million from more than 52 million in the same period in 2013. That drop drove up the price of bacon and centercut pork chops sold in the United States more than 12 percent in May, compared with the same period a year ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Prices for bacon rose more than 15 percent, and pork chops were up almost 13 percent.

"I've been a vet since 1981, and there is no precedent for this," said Paul Sundberg, vice president for science and technology at the National Pork Board. "It is devastatingly virulent."

The fatality numbers are so staggering that environmentalists have grown worried about the effects of state laws requiring the burial of so many carcasses, and what that will do to the aroundwater.

"We know there is a lot of mortality from this disease, and we're seeing evidence of burial in areas with shallow groundwater that a lot of people rely on for drinking water and recreation," said Kelly Foster,

keeper Alliance, an environmental group.

Waterkeeper has asked

senior lawyer at the Water- put a mass disposal plan into effect, and wants it to declare a state of emergency. On its website and

A sign in eastern North Carolina warning of the presence of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, which has killed millions of pigs across the U.S., in an undated handout photo. A disease is killing huge numbers of piglets and young hogs, and environmental groups worry about the effects on groundwater of the buried carcasses.

(AP)

(Rick Dove/Waterkeeper Alliance via The New York Times)

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YouTube, the organization has posted photos of dead piglets barely covered with earth and boxes overflowing with the bodies of young pigs, although it is unclear whether all were victims of the virus.

Steven W. Troxler, the state's agricultural commissioner, has declined to seek an emergency declaration, saying in a letter to Waterkeeper that he thought existing disposal systems, including composting and the shipping of carcasses to rendering facilities, were up to the challenge.

The USDA said that as of May 28, nearly 7,000 samples submitted from 30 states to labs tested positive for the virus. Since May, there have been reports of pigs afflicted with the virus in a 31st state.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently pledged \$26.2 million for a variety of efforts to fight the virus.

verdict. Now Hayat, 31, has

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prosecutors dropped the al-Qaida claims against three of the men and deported them without charges. A jury convicted Hamid Hayat, a young cherry picker, of attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan and returning to the

United States to await orders for an attack. Hayat's father was accused of lying to federal agents about his

Man convicted on terror charges files appeal



This is an undated file photo of Hamid Hayat provided by the Hayat family.

(AP Photo)

son's activities but those charges were dropped after jurors couldn't reach a mounted a broad assault on his conviction and 24year prison sentence. His legal team is headed by Dennis Riordan, the same lawyer handling baseball star Barry Bonds' appeal, which is a stark contrast from Hayat's first trial when his lone attorney was handling her first criminal case. The new appeal has revived debate over whether Hayat had a "jihadi heart" and was intent on leading a terrorist attack, as alleged by prosecutors, or was unfairly punished for voicing anti-American views that he never intended to act on. The high-profile investigation and prosecution started with a paid informant's now-discredited claims that he saw high-ranking al-Qaida officials attend a Lodi mosque in the late 1990s.



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Fast-food chains find an edge in paying premium wages



Ghana Shyam Khatiwada, left, hands a burrito to a customer at Boloco, a burrito restaurant, in Concord, N.H. Restaurants like Shake Shack and Boloco that offer their employees above-average pay say they have lower turnover and better customer service. (Andrea Morales/The New York Times)

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CONCORD, N.H. - Ben
Nawn, a sophomore at the
University of New Hampshire, says his friends who
work at McDonald's are
envious of what he earns
working for the Boloco burrito restaurant here.

While they make \$7.25 an hour, the federal minimum wage, Nawn receives \$9 an hour, which Boloco sets as the floor at its chain of 22 restaurants, most of them in New England.

"That's pretty high," Nawn said. "\$9 is a good base, and the benefits are great."

Nawn works at one of the handful of restaurant chains that pay well above the federal minimum wage. In-N-Out Burger, the chain based in California, pays all its employees at least \$10.50 an hour, while Shake Shack, the trendy, lines-out-the-door burger emporium, has minimum pay of \$9.50. Moo Cluck Moo, a fledgling company with two hamburger joints in Michigan, starts everyone at \$15.

These companies' founders were intent on paying their workers more than the going rate partly because they wanted to do the right thing, they said, and partly because they thought this would help their companies thrive long term.

"The No. 1 reason we pay our team well above the minimum wage is because we believe that if we take care of the team, they will take care of our customers," said Randy Garutti, chief executive of Shake Shack.

The nation's fast-food restaurants, which employ many of the country's low-wage workers, are at the center of the debate over low pay and raising the federal minimum wage - fueled by protests demand-

ing that fast-food chains establish a \$15 wage floor. McDonald's was pilloried last year for a hotline that advised employees how to seek food stamps and public assistance for heating and medical expenses. Scott Newman, manager of the Boloco restaurant here, said its above-average pay enabled him to pick from among many talented job applicants.

Fast-food industry officials have long contended that raising the minimum wage would result in fewer jobs and higher prices.

Scott DeFife, an executive vice president at the National Restaurant Association, said it was inappropriate to compare restaurants like Boloco and Shake Shack with chains like McDonald's and Subway.

"The price point and convenience factor are more appropriately compared to casual table restaurants that have wait staff," De-Fife said.

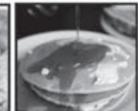
But prices at Boloco and In-N-Out are largely similar to those at Chipotle or McDonald's. The prices at Shake Shack are higher, but consumers flock to it because it is known for its premium hamburgers.



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Social Media's Vampires: They Text by Night

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Owen Lanahan's parents demand that his cellphone be stored in the kitchen by 10 p.m., but sometimes he sneaks it into his bedroom. That's because he considers late-night hours his "me" time.

"Kids my age are very occupied," said Owen, 15, a high school sophomore in Portland, Oregon. "We have school all day, and see our friends. We get home and we have to do our homework. Then we eat dinner and go to bed." So some nights, mostly weekends, he snuggles under the covers with his laptop, the screen dimmed so his parents won't see, and watches tutorials on You-Tube about how to create hip-hop beats with a drum machine.

"I talk to girls and stuff," he said, usually texting them on his cellphone. Other times he'll upload his music to SoundCloud and notify

his Twitter followers.

"Sometimes I look up and it's 3 a.m. and I'm watching a video of a giraffe eat-

contended that teenagers (along with their stressedout parents) should get more sleep. According to a "You want to seem as cool

as possible so you will post something at 2 in the morning, to just be like, 'Oh,

Owen Lanahan, 15, texts his friends and watches Youtube videos on how to create hip-hop beats at night in his room at his home in Portland, Ore. With myriad electronic ways to socialize, gossip and explore hobbies, tech-addicted teenagers are getting even fewer hours of sleep -- a trend labeled vamping after the other legendary creatures of the night.

(Leah Nash/The New York Times)

ing a steak," he said. "And I wonder, 'How did I get here?''

Researchers have long

recent poll conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, more than half of 15- to 17-year-olds sleep about seven hours a night, 90 minutes less than the minimum recommendation. With myriad electronic ways to socialize, gossip and explore hobbies, techaddicted teenagers are getting even fewer hours

of sleep.

Some young people even have a term for it online: vamping, a reference to those other legendary creatures of the night. (Thanks, "Twilight" and "True Blood.") They document their all-nighters by posting selfies on Instagram from bed, with the hashtags #teen and #vamping.

Temitayo Fagbenle, a teenage "rookie reporter" for WNYC, filed a radio report in May about how her friends were sleep deprived because of social media.

I'm part of this cool-kid group,'" one friend said, before Fagbenle added, "My friends and I see the same thing down our newsfeeds, posts about #breakingnight, also known as #notsleepingatall #vamping."

(There are other, sexual definitions for vamping, but those are unrelated.)

The word has even gotten the attention of academics.

"Social media is about having agency over your own life, and vamping is one way to recapture that," said Alice Marwick, an assistant professor at Fordham University who studies the Internet and society.

Danah Boyd, a scholar and senior researcher at Microsoft Research, who recently wrote the book "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens," offered two reasons for the phenomenon. First, teenagers have a

desire to connect, and the solitude of night allows for intimate conversation. Second, they are reacting to overbooked schedules packed with sports, music lessons and homework that give them less free time to pursue personal interests.

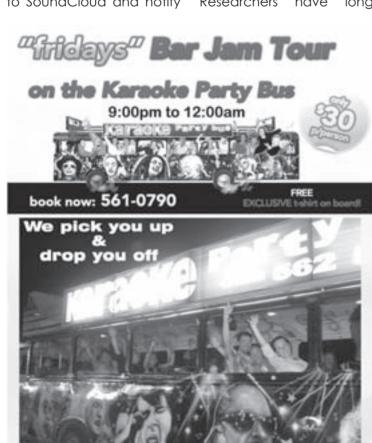
"Parents think they are doing good," Boyd said of teenagers' busy schedules. "But hanging out is where young people begin to understand social dynamics." She added, "Because of the restrictions placed on them, very few interactions are unstructured until their parents go to bed."

There may be another reason, as timeless as high school dances and afterschool clubs: peer pressure. A mother of a 13-year-old girl in Seattle (who requested anonymity so as not to embarrass her daughter) said her daughter has difficulty untethering from her social group after dark; she has often caught the girl chatting in the wee hours with at least four friends on Kik, a mobile messaging system.

"She'll go to bed and I'll check on her an hour later and she'll have her phone," the mother said. "I say, 'How do you keep up? It's stressful,'" the mother added.

"And she says, 'I know!'" But her daughter finds it wrenching to unplug after dark. "The phone beeps and they feel compelled to answer it," the mother said. "It's not like reading a book. The book wasn't pinging you every moment, saying, 'Read me! Read me!' You can close the book."

Owen's mother said she once got up in the middle of the night for a glass of water and noticed that her son's laptop was missing from the hallway bench.





6 Jewish suspects arrested in slaying of Arab teen

JOSEF FEDERMAN Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel arrested six Jewish suspects Sunday in the grisly slaying of a Palestinian teenager who was abducted and burned alive last week — a crime that set off a wave of violent protests in Arab sections of the country.

Leaders of the Jewish state appealed for calm amid signs the death was revenge for the recent killings of three Israeli teenagers.

"We will not allow extremists, it doesn't matter from which side, to inflame the region and cause bloodshed," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a nationally televised statement. "Murder is murder, incitement is incitement, and we will respond aggressively to both."

He promised to prosecute those responsible to the full extent of the law.

The region has been on edge since three Israeli teens — one of them a U.S. citizen — were kidnapped while hitchhiking in the West Bank last month. Last week, the teens' bodies were found in a West Bank field in a crime Israel blamed on the militant group Hamas.

Just hours after the youths were buried, Mohammed Abu Khdeir, a 16-year-old Palestinian from east Jerusalem, was abducted near his home, and his charred remains were found shortly

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afterward in a Jerusalem forest. Preliminary autopsy results found he was still alive when he was set on fire

Palestinians immediately accused Israeli extremists of killing the youth in revenge. And on Sunday, Israeli authorities said the killers had acted out of "nationalistic" motives.

The suspects remained in custody and were being interrogated, authorities said.

An Israeli official said there were six suspects and described them as young males, including several minors, all of whom lived in the Jerusalem area. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was continuing. He said police had located a car used by the suspects. During the investigation, he said, police learned of an attempted kidnapping the previous day of a child in the same neighborhood and concluded the cases were linked. Israeli TV showed pictures of the 9-year-old boy with red marks around his neck.

Abu Khdeir's family said that the arrests brought them little joy and that they had little faith in the Israeli justice system.

"I don't have any peace in my heart, even if they captured who they say killed my son," said his mother, Suha. "They're only going to ask them questions and then release them. What's they do it to our children."

the point?"

Abu Khdeir's death trice

She added: "They need to treat them the way they treat us. They need to demolish their homes and round them up, the way they do it to our children."
Abu Khdeir's death triggered violence in his neighborhood, as angry crowds destroyed train stations and hurled rocks. The unrest spread to sections of

northern Israel over the weekend.

On Sunday, the situation in east Jerusalem, home to most of the city's Palestinians, appeared to be calming down.



Tariq Abu Khdeir, 15, a U.S. citizen who relatives say was beaten and arrested by Israeli police during clashes sparked by the killing Thursday of his cousin Mohammed Abu Khdeir, is escorted by Israeli prison guards during an appearance at Jerusalem magistrate's court Sunday, July 6, 2014. Israeli police said Tariq Abu Khdeir resisted arrest, attacked officers and was carrying a slingshot for lobbing stones when he was arrested. He has been sentenced to nine days of house arrest. The U.S. State Department said it was "profoundly troubled" by reports of his beating and demanded an investigation.

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Pro-Russia separatists vow to keep up Ukraine fight

YURAS KARMANAU **Associated Press** DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)

 Discouraged but defiant, pro-Russia separatists vowed to keep fighting the government in Kiev from the largest city in eastern Ukraine, where they regrouped Sunday after being driven out of a key stronghold.

At a rally in a central Donetsk square, the rebels were cheered on by thousands of supporters waving flags from Russia and the self-proclaimed independent Donetsk People's Republic. Many urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to quickly come to their aid — but there was no comment Sunday from Russia.

While the rebel withdrawal Saturday from Slovyansk, a city of 100,000 they had held for months, was not a total victory, President Petro Poroshenko said purging

clear whether the govern- sive — was now winning

the city of the insurgents ment — after abandoning had "incredible symbolic a cease-fire last week and importance." It was un- going back on the offenthe fight that had sputtered for months.

Rebel fighters from Slovyansk could be seen walk-



Local residents receive food stuff as humanitarian aid in a central square in Slovyansk, eastern Ukraine, Sunday, July 6, 2014. Ukrainian troops on Saturday forced the rebels out of Slovyansk, a city of about 100,000 that had been the center of the fighting. The success there suggests that the government may finally be making gains in the months-long battle against the insurgency.

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

Church parade past Mafia home a challenge to pope

FRANCES D'EMILIO

ROME (AP) — In apparent defiance of Pope Francis, a church procession detoured from its route through a southern Italian town to honor a convicted mobster under house arrest.

Interior Minister Angelino Alfano on Sunday denounced the tribute in Oppido Mamertina, a Calabrian town and 'ndrangheta crime syndicate stronghold, as "deplorable and disgusting.

"He praised three Carabinieri policemen who abandoned the procession in disapproval.

On June 21, Francis, visiting Calabria, had denounced the 'ndrangheta for its "adoration of evil" and said its members were excommunicated.

The July 2 procession included clergy, the mayor, parents pushing baby strollers and dozens of local men carrying on their shoulders an ornate Madonna statue.

Carabinieri officer Andrea Marino said he and his fellow officer walked away from the procession after the detour and headed to the church to complain about what happened. One of Calabria's antiMafia prosecutors, Nicola Gratteri, told The Associated Press that the detour to the mobster's house appeared to be a "challenge to the diktat" of Francis.

'Ndrangheta, a global cocaine trafficker, is one of the world's most powerful crime syndicates. Religious rituals hold an important place in the mobsters' mentality.

Oppido Mamertino's bishop, Monsignor Francesco Milito, said he would take undescribed "measures" against those exploiting the church procession to pay homage to the 82-year-old local boss. The mobster,

because of his age, was allowed to serve out his life sentence at home for murder.

Elsewhere in southern Italy, other 'ndrangheta members appeared to have paid attention to the pope's words but perhaps not in the way he intended. Another bishop, Monsignor Giancarlo Bregantini, told Vatican Radio Sunday that some 200 inmates in the maximum-security section of Larino prison told their chaplain they would boycott Mass, reasoning if they were excommunicated it made no sense for them to attend anymore.

ing through Donetsk on Sunday in groups of 10 to 15. Most were still wearing camouflage, but some sported identical new bright-colored shorts and shirts. It was an unsuccessful effort to blend in with the civilian population, since they still carried automatic weapons.

At one money-exchange office in the city center, about 20 rebels lined up to trade U.S. dollars for Ukrainian hryvnas.

The dollar is considered a more stable currency in Ukraine and Russia, but it was not known who had aiven them to the rebels.

They refused to speak with Associated Press journalists and their mood appeared black.

Igor Girkin, defense minister of what the separatists call the Donetsk People's Republic,

told the Russian television channel Life News on Sunday that he would now coordinate the fight from Donetsk.

"We will continue the combat operations and will try not to make the same mistakes that we made in the past," said Girkin, a Russian also known by his nom de guerre, Igor Strelkov. Ukrainian authorities have identified him as a veteran of the Russian military intelligence agency.

Rhetoric soared Sunday afternoon at the rally.

"We will begin a real partisan war around the whole perimeter of Donetsk," Pavel Gubarev, the selfdescribed governor of the Donetsk People's Republic, told the crowd. "We will drown these wretches in blood."



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Iraq analyzing tape purported to show top militant

SINAN SALAHEDDIN Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq security agencies are working to verify the authenticity of a video that purportedly shows the elusive leader of the Sunni extremist group that has declared an Islamic state in a large chunk of territory it controls leading prayers this week in northern Iraq, authorities said.

The video said to show Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of the Islamic State group, was reportedly filmed on Friday at the Great Mosque in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. It was posted on at least two websites known to be used by the organization and bore the logo of its media arm.

The sermon in Mosul would the first public appearance for al-Baghdadi, a shadowy figure who has emerged as perhaps the preeminent figure in the international jihadi community. Al-Baahdadi, who has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head, took over the group four years ago and has since transformed it from an al-Qaida affiliate focused on Iraq into an independent transnational force that controls of a huge stretch of land straddling the Syria-Iraq border. Iraqi military spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi told reporters Sunday the country's security services are still analyzing the 21-minute video to verify whether the speaker is indeed al-Baghdadi, and that the government will "announce the details once they are available."

The purported appearance in Mosul, a city of some 2 million that the militants seized last month, came five days after al-Baghdadi's group declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the territories it has seized in Iraq and Syria. The group proclaimed al-

Baahdadi the leader of its state and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

Wearing black robes and

ers to jihad, and emphasizes the implementation of a strict interpretation of Islamic law. He strikes an almost humble tone, telling



This image made from video posted on a militant website Saturday, July 5, 2014, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, purports to show the leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, delivering a (AP Photo/Militant video) sermon at a mosque in Iraq.

a black turban, the man in the video said to be al-Baghdadi urges his followlisteners: "I am not better than you or more virtuous than you."

A senior Iraqi intelligence official told The Associated Press on Saturday that an initial analysis indicated that the man in the video is indeed al-Baghdadi. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

The government carried out at least three airstrikes Sunday in Mosul, two of which hit the Rashidiyah neighborhood and one of which targeted the 17 Tammuz district, residents said. It was not clear whether the raids were related to the video.

A medical official in the city said seven people were killed and 30 wounded in one strike in Rashidiyah. Casualty figures were not immediately available for the other air raids.

Nigeria: Soldiers repel attack on military base, 50 are dead

HARUNA UMAR Associated Press

- At least 50 alleged insurgents were killed during clashes with Nigerian soldiers as security forces repelled an attack on a military base in the northeastern state of Borno, the Defense Ministry said on Sunday. Six soldiers, including the commanding officer, died in the assault on Friday on the base and a nearby police station in the town of Damboa, a state-

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

The daring move apattack after a punishing air raid 24 hours earlier

Olukolade said.

ment from Defense Ministry

spokesman Maj. Gen. Chris

caused Boko Haram Islamic extremists to suffer heavy casualties, according to an officer who requested anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

Modu Gwasha, member of a civilian defense group that fought alongside the soldiers, alleged that Boko Haram extremists burned several military vehicles during the assault, including two tanks. He added that he saw the corpses of at least 10 soldiers and five police officers.

Security forces have recently come under fire from some Nigerians who peared to be a reprisal accuse the government of doing nothing to curb the increase in violence.

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Dubai to build world's biggest shopping center

ADAM SCHRECK Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The shoppingloving city that is home to one of the world's largest shopping malls wants to build one even bigger.

Dubai ruler Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum has laid out plans for a sprawling real-estate project known as Mall of the World that will include the 8 million square foot (743,224 square meter) mall, a climate-controlled street network, a theme park covered during the scorching summer months and 100 hotels and serviced apartments.

Other attractions planned for the site include a cultural and theater district drawing inspiration from New York's Broadway, thoroughfares shopping based on London's Oxford Street and a "wellness district" meant to attract medical tourists.

"The growth in family and retail tourism underpins the need to enhance Dubai's tourism infrastructure as soon as possible," Sheik Mohammed said in a statement announcing the project Saturday. "This project complements our plans to transform Dubai into a cultural, tourist and

economic hub for the 2 billion people living in the region around us — and we are determined to achieve our vision."

Dubai Holding, a conglomerate controlled by the

and the adjacent Dubai Mall. That shopping center is currently the emirate's largest and has attractions including a dinosaur skeleton, an indoor ice skating rink and a multistory aquar-

a head in 2009, forcing the delay or cancellation of some of the most outlandish projects.

Dubai Holding was not spared from the financial turmoil, and some of its di-



UAE Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, left, listens to Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi, center, Chairman of Dubai Holding during the presentation of a sprawling real-estate project known as the Mall of the World. (AP Photo/Dubai Media Office)

emirate's ruler, is developing the complex. It gave no details on the cost or the completion date.

The complex will be built near the Mall of the Emirates, which boasts an indoor ski slope, and a short drive from the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower. ium. Dubai has long used high-

profile, big-ticket real estate projects to drive economic growth and establish itself as an international tourist destination. Its ambitions were slowed significantly with a crippling financial crisis that came to

visions sought new repayment terms from lenders on a debt pile that reached into the billions of dollars.

The emirate's economy has rebounded strongly in the years since the crisis, driven by its trade, transportation and tourism-dependent economy.

Prime Minister Tony Blair

Caricom requests reparation talks with Europe

GEORGETOWN, Guy**ana (AP)** — A Caribbean trade bloc has requested a meeting with European nations that engaged in the Atlantic slave trade to talk about reparations.

Caricom made the announcement Friday at the end of its four-day regional summit held in Antigua.

Leaders are working with the British law firm Leigh Day and expect to soon submit a report about slav-

ery and its lingering effects on the region's 15 million people. Leigh Day previously obtained about \$21.5 million in compensation for surviving Kenyans who were tortured by the British colonial government during a rebellion in the 1950s and 1960s.

Caricom also pledged to raise the issue at upcomina United Nations General Assembly sessions that are scheduled to start soon.

Caribbean leaders adopted a 10-point plan in March that seeks a formal apology and debt cancellation from former colonizers such as Britain, France and the Netherlands. It also demands that Europe help strengthen the Caribbean's public health, educational and cultural institutions, as well as help boost the region's technological sector.

In 2007, former British

expressed regret for the "unbearable suffering" caused by his country's role in slavery, but he issued no formal apoloay. Likewise, in 2010, former French President Nicolas Sarkozy acknowledged the "wounds of colonization" and noted that his country canceled a 56 million euro debt owed by Haiti and approved an aid package.

Cuba's Raul Castro: Economic changes have to be gradual

PETER ORSI Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — President Raul Castro reiterated Saturday that Cuba's program of reforms will remain cautious and gradual, despite recent disappointing GDP numbers that show the country's alreadystruggling economy slowing.

Days after Cuba downgraded its 2014 economic growth forecast by nearly a percentage point, Castro told parliament during the first of its twice-annual regular sessions that the reforms "have great complexity but are advancing" at the necessary pace.

"This process, to be successful, must be conducted with the appropriate gradualness and be accompanied by the permanent control of different party and government structures at all levels," Castro said in a 25-minute speech. "Gradualness is not a whim, much less a desire to delay the changes that we must make," he added. "On the contrary, it is about a need to ensure order and avoid gaps that would lead us directly to mistakes that distort the proposed objectives."

Foreign journalists were not allowed access to the oneday session at a convention center in western Havana. His comments were broadcast later on state TV.

Vice President Marino Murillo, Castro's reforms czar, said a nascent project to eliminate Cuba's unique dual currency system is continuing and warned islanders that monetary unification itself will not increase their purchasing power. "For that to happen, we must produce more," Murillo said.



Loyal Guests to Aruba Honored at the Playa Linda Resort







PALM BEACH - Recently at the Playa Linda Resort, Aruba vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for 10 and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Visitors

certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Goodwill Ambassadors certificate. The recent honoring was orchestrated by Aruba Tourism Authority representative Marouska Heyliger at the Playa Linda Resort which they call their home away from home. At the ceremony, Judy and Dare Bryson of

Connecticut were honored as Distinguished Visitors. And guests honored as Goodwill Ambassadors included Grace and Joe LoPinto of New York, Anna Verdino of New York, Thomas and Klaudia Hellmann of Connecticut, and Pat and Dianne Murgolo of New York. Congratulations to all on your special day!

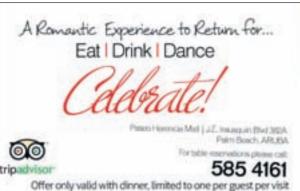














Special Guests Honored at the Costa Linda Beach Resort

EAGLE BEACH - Recently, the following guests were honored as Distinguished Visitors after returning to Aruba for more than 10 consecutive years: Dirk, Kim and Kristen Berezovske, Erneste Huertas, Augusto Galan Sarmiento, Yolanda Guerrero Gonzales, Alfonso Valdivieso, and Martha Leon.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 10-and-19 years consecutive. Also, Mrs. Maria Claudia Pinzon was honored as an Ambassador of goodwill for the island of Arub,a after returning to our island for 27 consecutive years!

Mr. Ricardo Croes repre-





senting Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Costa Linda Beach Resort. Mrs. Pinzon commented that he will never change her vacation island for any other island.

The top reasons for returning each year to Aruba provided by the honor-

ees were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", and they love the great weather, Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food. On the pictures Mr. Croes from ATA is seen celebrating together with all honorees at the Costa Linda Beach Resort.





Distinguished Guests Honored at the Paradise Beach Villas



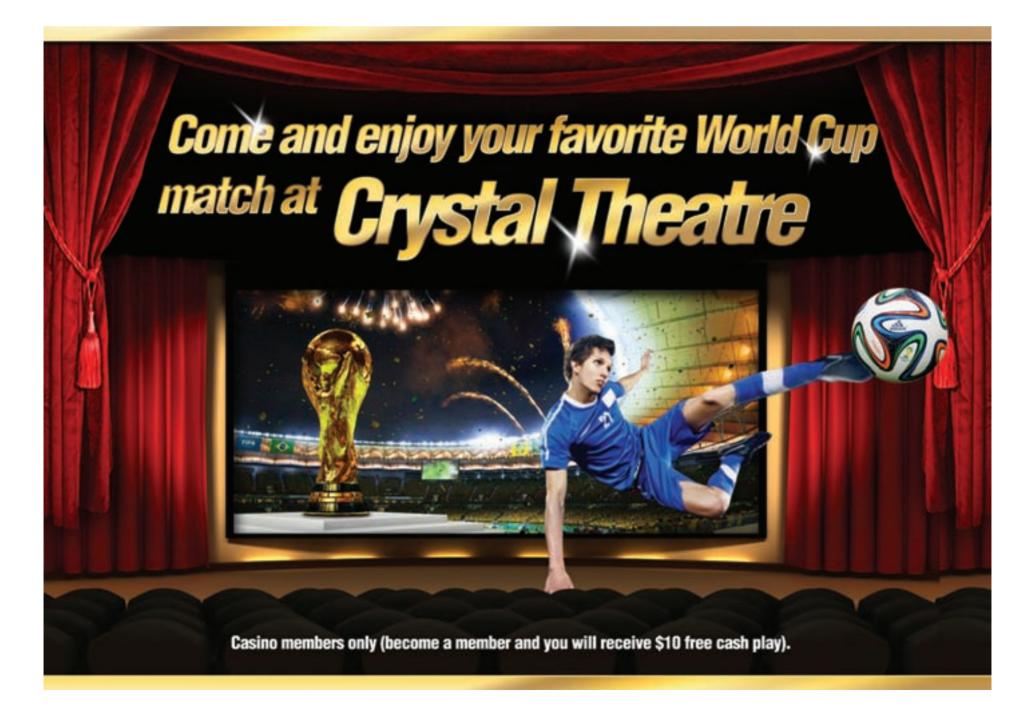


EAGLE BEACH - Recently, James Christian Davino was honored as a ken of appreciation to guests who Distinguished Visitor to Aruba after returning to our island for 16 consecutive years. The symbolic hon-

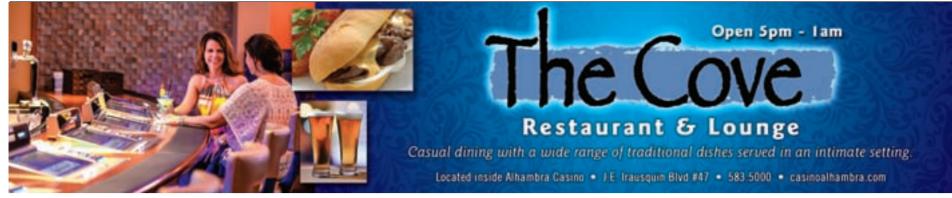
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Aruba after returning to our island for 20 consecutive years - she is also only 20 years old! Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Paradise Beach Villas. James com-

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Angel Cabrera with The Greenbrier Classic Springhouse Trophy after winning the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Sunday, July 6, 2014

Associated Press

Angel Cabrera wins Greenbrier Classic by 2 shots

JOHN RABY
AP Sports Writer
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,
West Virginia (AP) — Angel
Cabrera won the Greenbrier Classic on Sunday for
his first non-major victory on
the PGA Tour, closing with
his second straight 6-under
64 for a two-stroke victory
over George McNeill.

Cabrera, the 44-year-old Argentine whose only other PGA Tour victories came in the 2007 U.S. Open and 2009 Masters, built a threeshot lead before making things interesting with a pair of late bogeys. He finished at 16-under 264.

"This was a great opportunity," Cabrera said through an interpreter. "I wanted it. I needed to win a tournament. I felt under control today out there, and I didn't want to let it get away from me."

McNeill shot a seasonbest 61 for his fourth top-10 of the season and first since mid-March. But he'll put golf on hold for a few weeks.

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McDowell rallies from 8 back to win French Open

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland drinks champagne after winning the French Open Golf tournament at Paris National course in Guyancourt, west of Paris, France, Sunday, July 6, 2014. **Associated Press** TRUNG LATIEULE **Associated Press** SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVE-LINES, France (AP) —

Graeme McDowell Northern Ireland came from eight shots back to retain his French Open title Sunday, shooting a 4-under 67 in pouring rain to win by one stroke.

McDowell made the best of the tough conditions, making five birdies and a bogey for the lowest round of the day to finish with a 5-under 279 total.

"That goes back to my upbringing a little bit in my teens, playing through all weathers and conditions," McDowell said. "Playing golf in bad weather is an art form. Some guys are good at it, some guys are not."

Overnight leader Kevin Stadler only managed a 76 to share second place with Thongchai Jaidee, who carded a 72. Stadler still had a chance to win it on the last hole, but he missed a long birdie putt. He then failed to even force a playoff when he missed a threefooter for par.

"I think it's very hard to lose the same tournament twice on the same day and I managed to do it," Stadler said.

McDowell had seven top-10 finishes this year on the European Tour and PGA Tour before entering this tournament.

type of a day."

Stadler went into the final eighth.

round with a four-shot lead over Thongchai and Victor Riu. He even got a fivestroke cushion when Riu found water off the tee of the second hole for a double bogey.

Soon, Stadler put himself in trouble by missing short par putts on No. 4 and No. 6. He then double-boaeved No. 7 by hooking his tee shot into the rough before missing the fairway with his second shot.

Another errant tee shot from Stadler on No. 8 gave Riu a share of the lead.

"It was absolutely miserable," Stadler said about the weather. "We don't play in that stuff in the States."

Four players then shared the lead when McDowell and Jamie Donaldson made birdies on the 13th and 14th, respectively, to join Stadler and Riu atop the leaderboard.

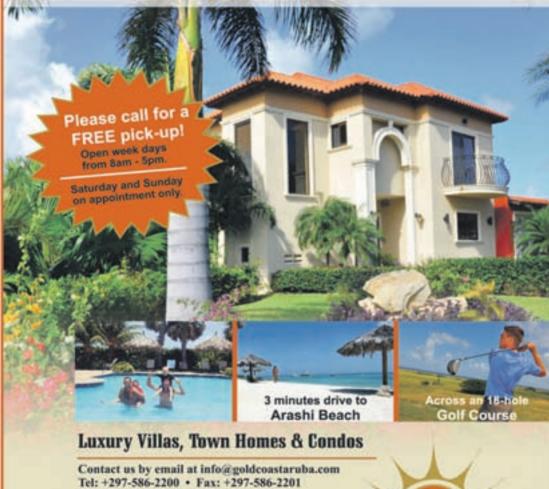
McDowell sank a birdie putt from more than 20 feet on No. 16 to move three strokes clear. But Stadler made a strong charge to get back into contention, tying the defending champion with a birdie on that same hole.

After finishing his round, Mc-Dowell was preparing for a playoff with Stadler, but a huge roar from the crowd told him the American had missed his par putt.

"Last night, I didn't think I had a shot," McDowell said. "I had a glass of wine "I've pretty much thought or two last night to kind of

> Robert Karlsson, Michael Hoey and Victor Riu qualified for the British Open by finishing in the top 10 at Le Golf National. Karlsson took fourth place, Hoey placed seventh and Riu wound up





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of myself a decent bad drown my frustration." weather golfer, until the last five years," McDowell said. "I feel like I'm spending a little bit too much time in America. I'm a little bit soft, and I needed that



Greenbrier Classic

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Golf Channel reported that his older sister, Michele McNeill, died of cancer Sunday morning and the player was informed after his round was over.

"Golf doesn't really mean a whole lot," McNeill told reporters. "So it's hard."

Webb Simpson had a 63 to finish third at 10 under.

Third-round leader Billy Hurley III bogeyed four of the first six holes to fall out of contention. He shot 73 and finished in a seven-way tie for fourth at 9 under.

No third-round leader has hung on to win the Greenbrier Classic in its five-year existence.

McNeill was the clubhouse leader at 14 under well ahead of Cabrera, who still had the back nine to play. Cabrera had no top 10-finishes this season entering the tournament, but had everything working Sunday, hammering drives

and approach shots with precision and coming up with clutch putts, especially on the back nine.

Cabrera overtook McNeill with birdie putts of 17 and 7 feet on the 11th and 12th holes, then gave a fist pump after moving to 17 under by holing a 176-yard 8-iron up the hill for eagle on the par-4 13th, the hardest hole at Old White TPC. By then his lead was three strokes, but he bogeyed the 14th after his approach shot spun off the front of the green and bogeyed the par-3 15th after hitting into the rough on his tee shot.

Cabrera smashed a 330-yard drive over the lake on the par-4 16th and made par, then drilled a 336-yard drive on the 616-yard 17th and two-putted for birdie. He closed out with par on the par-3 18th.

Cabrera won \$1.17 million

and is projected to improve from 158th to 54th in the FedEx Cup standings. McNeill would move from 60th to 29th.

Simpson had flown home on Friday and learned upon landing that he made the cut. So he rented a car and drove back to West Virginia.

Simpson and Keagan Bradley both had strong finishes as they continue to try to impress U.S. Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson, who will make three at-large selections for the Sept. 26-28 event at Gleneagles in Scotland. The top nine in the Ryder Cup standings automatically qualify for the team. Simpson is 17th and Bradley is 18th.

"I think Tom knows what's going on, and I'm hoping my good play will take care of it and not have to be a captain's pick," Simpson said. "But if I was a captain's pick, it would be great to be on that team." Joining Hurley at 9 under were Bud Cauley (64),

Bubba Watson tees off on the 18th hole during the final round of the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Sunday, July 6, 2014.

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Bradley (66), Brendon Todd (66), Chris Stroud (69), Cameron Tringale (69) and Will Wilcox (69).

The leading four players among the top 12 not already exempt for the British Open earned spots in the July 17-20 tournament at Royal Liverpool. Those spots went to McNeill, Stroud,

Tringale and Hurley.

Cauley's final shot of the day was a hole-in-one on the 18th, which triggered a \$100 prize from the tournament to paying customers in the stands. But Cauley missed out this week on a British Open nod, whose qualifying tiebreaker uses the world ranking.





What a final! Djokovic tops Federer at Wimbledon

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LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic's large lead in the rollicking Wimbledon final was slipping away, due in no small part to Roger Federer's regal presence and resurgent play.

No man has won tennis' oldest major tournament more often than Federer, and he was not about to let it go easily. Djokovic went from being a point from victory in the fourth set to suddenly caught in the crucible of a fifth, and knew all too well that he had come up short in recent Grand Slam title matches.

Steeling himself when he so desperately needed to, Serbia's Djokovic held on for a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4 victory after nearly four hours of momentum shifts Sunday to win Wimbledon for the second time — and deny Switzerland's Federer what would have been a record eighth championship at the All England Club.

"I could have easily lost my concentration in the fifth and just handed him the win. But I didn't, and that's why this win has a special importance to me, mentally," Djokovic said. "I managed to not just win against my opponent, but win against myself, as well, and find that inner strength."

Cradling his trophy during the post-match ceremony, Djokovic addressed Federer directly, saying: "I



Novak Djokovic of Serbia watches the ball hit his racquet as he plays a return to Roger Federer of Switzerland during their men's singles final match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Sunday, July 6, 2014.

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respect your career and everything you have done. And thank you for letting me win today."

Even Federer had to smile at that line.

Truth is, Djokovic deserved plenty of credit for figuring out a way to raise his Grand Slam total to seven titles and allows him to overtake Rafael Nadal at No. 1 in the rankings.

"Novak deserved it at the end, clearly," said Federer, who hadn't been to a Grand Slam final since winning his 17th major at Wimbledon in 2012, "but it was extremely close."

Federer, who turns 33 next month, won 88 of 89 service games through the semifinals and produced 29 aces in the final, but Djokovic broke him four times.

Federer went to the net aggressively, only to see Djokovic zoom more than a dozen passing shots past him. And with most of the Centre Court crowd of about 15,000 raucously cheering for Federer, the 27-year-old Djokovic kept believing in himself.

That part might have been the most difficult, given that Djokovic lost his past three major finals, and five of his past six, including against Andy Murray at Wimbledon last year, and against Nadal at the French Open last month.

"Started doubting, of course, a little bit," Djokovic said. "I needed this win a lot."

Boris Becker, the threetime Wimbledon champion who began coaching Djokovic this season, called the new champion "the biggest competitor" and praised "his sense of not giving up, giving it always another try."

"It could've gone either way in the fifth set," said Becker, whose former rival as a player, Stefan Edberg, coaches Federer. "Novak finds another way. He digs deep and finds another way."

Djokovic built a 5-2 lead in the fourth set and served for the championship at 5-3. But Federer broke there for the first time all afternoon, smacking a forehand winner as Djokovic slipped and fell on a patch of brown dirt.

Djokovic took a nastier tumble in the second set, hurting his left leg and prompting the first of two medical timeouts; he got his right calf massaged by a trainer in the fifth.

With Federer serving at 5-4 in the fourth, he double-faulted to 30-all, then netted a backhand for 30-40 — handing Djokovic a match point.

Federer hit a 118 mph (190 kph) serve that was called out, but he challenged the ruling, and the replay showed the ball touched a line for an ace. That was part of Federer's five-game run to force a fifth set. It would be another 42 minutes until Djokovic again stood so close to triumph.

"Can't believe I made it to five," Federer said. "Wasn't looking good there for a while."

In truth, after so much drama, the ending was anticlimactic. Trailing 5-4 but serving, Federer missed four groundstrokes, pushing a backhand into the net on Djokovic's second match point.

Victory his, Djokovic knelt on the most hallowed tennis court in the world, plucked a blade of grass and shoved it in his mouth, just as he did after his 2011 Wimbledon title. He dedicated this victory to his pregnant fiancee "and our future baby," and to Jelena Gencic, his first tennis coach, who died last year. "This is the best tournament in the world, the most valuable one," Djokovic said. "The first tennis match that I ever (saw) in my life, when I was 5 years old, was Wimbledon, and that image stuck (in) my mind."



Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia and Samantha Stosur of Australia, left, talk between points during the mixed doubles final against Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Hao-Ching Chan of Taiwan at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Sunday July 6, 2014. Associated Press

Zimonjic, Stosur win Wimbledon mixed doubles

LONDON (AP) — Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia and 2011 U.S. Open singles champion Samantha Stosur of Australia won the Wimbledon mixed doubles title Sunday with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Taiwan's Chan Hao-ching. Zimonjic and Stosur broke their opponents' service

Zimonjic and Stosur broke their opponents' service in the third game of the second set to put them on the way to their first Grand Slam title together. Stosur, who won the U.S. Open women's singles in 2011, won a Grand Slam mixed doubles title for the third time, including with Bob Bryan at Wimbledon in 2008.

Zimonjic has won four other major mixed titles and also captured three men's doubles titles with Daniel Nestor, including 2008 and 2009 at Wimbledon.

Stosur said they had played together at Wimbledon

before, but couldn't remember the year.

"It didn't quite work out as well as this time," Stosur said. "We had a great week together. It was a lot of fun. Very thankful that Nenad asked me to play." Zimonjic said he and Stosur had plenty of confidence. "I think it doesn't matter who is on the other side, if we are playing good, we can win against anyone on that day," he said.



Almirola wins rain-cut NASCAR race at Daytona

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

-- It had been more than 15 years since the iconic No. 43 drove to Victory Lane.

So waiting through two days of thunderstorms and three red flags was relatively easy for Aric Almirola and his Richard Petty Motorsports team.

Almirola won the rain-delayed and rain-shortened NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday, putting Petty's famed blue car back on top for the first time since 1999.

Almirola's first Cup win came on the same weekend Petty celebrated the 30th anniversary of his 200th career win. The 30-year-old Almirola was just a baby when Petty picked up that milestone victory.

"The 43 car is without a doubt the most famous car in our sport's history," Almirola said. "And to have that opportunity to drive that race car has been really special from the day that I stepped foot in it. All I wanted to do from the very first time I drove it was get it to Victory Lane. It took two and a half years I guess,

but I finally did it.''

Petty wasn't around for the festivities, having already left Daytona during one of the many delays. He didn't miss much considering steady rain put a slight damper on the post-race party.

NASCAR, though, patched through the seven-time NASCAR champion nicknamed "The King" on a conference call afterward and talked about how he never lost faith despite years of struggles as a team owner.

''If you look back at the history of Petty Enterprises and all the turmoil we've been through, I never gave up on the thing,'' Petty said. ''It was one of those deals I said, 'OK, if I keep working at it long enough, we're going to be able to overcome all of this.' Just because we won a race doesn't mean we've overcome it, don't get me wrong. But it puts in a higher speed track. You know you can do it.

"Everybody's got to have a start, and I think this will be starting it pretty good." The Coke Zero 400 was originally scheduled to go off Saturday night, but steady rain forced it to be



Aric Almirola celebrates in Victory Lane with the winning trophy after winning the NASCAR Sprint cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday, July 6, 2014.

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postponed a day. When it did finally get started Sunday, it was interrupted several more times.

There were three red flags, two of them because of huge accidents that took out most of the 43-car field and several top contenders. Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Jamie McMurray, Carl Edwards, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle and Kyle Busch were among those knocked out of contention.

Biffle and Kahne started the second massive wreck, a 25-car fiasco that ended with Busch getting flipped upside-down in his No. 18 Toyota.

"It just felt like a slow carnival ride," Busch said.

The same could be said for the entire weekend at Daytona. Sprint Cup qualifying was a debacle, and then rain affected the entire, four-day event at NASCAR's most famous track. Sunday's race topped it all,

with just seven cars avoiding both crashes.

Not surprisingly, Almirola was among them.

He became the first Cup driver other than Petty to win in the legendary No. 43 at Daytona. The previous time the 43 won was with John Andretti behind the wheel at Martinsville in 1999. So Petty's renowned car went 543 races without a victory

Almirola got out of his car and watched the radar with crewmembers during the final red flag, a 56-minute wait that had most drivers believing the race would resume. But when heavy rain soaked parts of the track, officials called it for good with 48 laps remaining.

Lewis Hamilton wins as Nico Rosberg retires

SILVERSTONE, England (AP)

 Lewis Hamilton won a crash-hit British Grand Prix on Sunday to cut Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg's lead in the drivers' championship from 29 points to just four after the German had his first non-finish of the season. Hamilton, the started 14th. 2008 champion, started sixth on the grid. The British driver leapt to fourth on the opening lap before it was red-flagged, and suspended for an hour, following a crash involving 2007 champion Kimi Raikkonen

of Ferrari and Felipe Massa of Williams.

Hamilton then took the lead after 29 laps as Rosberg retired with gearbox failure.

Hamilton came home 30 seconds clear of Finn Valtteri Bottas of Williams, who started 14th.

Australian Daniel Ricciardo of Red Bull finished third ahead of Jenson Button, the 2009 champion, of McLaren and defending four-time champion Sebastian Vettel in the second Red Bull. Two-time cham-

pion Fernando Alonso of Ferrari was sixth.

It was Hamilton's fifth win this year, his second in his home event and the 27th of his career, drawing him level with fellow-Briton and three-time champion Jackie Stewart in the record books.

"England! What a great feeling guys, I couldn't be happier, I'm sorry about yesterday, but a fantastic job today, as ever!" a delighted Hamilton told his team by radio.

Hamilton made a mistake



Britain's Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes celebrates as he crosses the line in first place during the British Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone circuit, Silverstone, England, Sunday, July 6, 2014. Associated Press

in qualifying on Saturday after wrongly deciding the track was too damp, or wet, for him to improve his best lap time.

From the winners' podium,

Hamilton added: "This shows you never give up! Right now, it's very mixed emotions at the moment, but we have the greatest fans here.



The Full Nibali: Savvy Italian wins Tour 2nd leg

JAMEY KEATEN Associated Press SHEFFIELD, England (AP)

 Italy's Vincenzo Nibali displayed his riding smarts at the Tour de France, winning Stage 2 on Sunday and taking the yellow jersey after a well-choreographed attack on rivals in the postindustrial English city known for "The Full Monty.'

The Astana team leader nicknamed "The Shark" for his road savvy took the final lead in a cycling dance of sorts with other title hopefuls, who took turns in front in the last stretch through a sea of fans from York to Sheffield.

Nibali perhaps had more at stake: The 29-year-old rider has won the Italian Giro and Spain's Vuelta, but has never captured cycling's showcase event. The victory on Sunday gave him both his first Tour stage win and yellow jer-



BC-CYC--Tour de France,5th Ld-Writethru/833 Italy's Vincenzo Nibali crosses the finish line to win the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 201 kilometers (124.9 miles) with start in York and finish in Sheffield, England, Sunday, July 6, 2014. **Associated Press**

sey, and sent a message that he could contend to take it home from Paris in three weeks.

With less than two kilometers left, Nibali escaped 21-man breakaway bunch at the end of the 201-kilometer course over nine heath-covered hills of Yorkshire, and held off their late surge. England is hosting the first three Tour stages this year.

GERMAN LOSES YELLOW

Marcel Kittel, a powerful German sprinter who often struggles on climbs, trailed nearly 20 minutes back and lost the yellow jersey that he had captured by winning Stage 1.

While the Italian won the

fight to the line, under the shadow of a black Sheffield Forgemasters tower, defending champion Chris Froome of Britain and twotime winner Alberto Contador of Spain are focusing more on the overall race — which ends July 27 on Paris' Champs-Elysees. Overall, Nibali leads 20 other riders by two seconds, including Froome in fifth place and Contador

A six-man breakaway bunch tried its chances early, but got swallowed up by the pack with less than 40 kilometers left. Then, the big race stars moved to the front, splitting the pack.

in eighth.

Contador, Froome, and Americans Andrew Talansky and Tejay van Garderen all spent time at the front. At times, they mustered bursts of speed or zipped across with width of the road in tactical maneuvers.

"In the finale, a lot of contenders were making moves: Nibali ended up taking two seconds on us," Froome said. "It's not a big margin. For me, it was about staying out of trouble to stay at the front, and avoiding any major issues or splits.

"I'm tired, but I hope everyone's tired after a day like today."

TIME TO WORK, ASTANA Dave Brailsford, boss of Froome's Team Sky, said the leaders actually "were all hesitant, because nobody wanted the jersey." In the cycling playbook, the yellow shirt brings both glory and responsibility. Brailsford said: "Astana will have to now defend it, which is pretty good for anybody else.

"Perfect. They've got to work."

Nibali didn't dare claim he might keep it all the way to Paris, saying "the Tour de France doesn't stop here: We have three weeks to go, and very tough and tricky stages lie ahead." Monday's stage should

be a far less aruelina ride: Riders cover 155 kilometers from Cambridge to London, where the pack will finish on the Mall not far from Big Ben and Westminster Abbey.

CROWDS FOR A 'CLASSIC' **STAGE**

The course Sunday resembled that of historic oneday races known as "classics," which often feature hilly terrain.

Michael Rodgers, an Australian on Contador's Tinkoff-Saxo Bank team, called it "a bit of a special stage, like the Amstel Gold Race, but with 20 times the people."

New roads for cycling's greatest race also mean new audiences, some of whom are so enthusiastic and eager for a selfie with the pack that they might not realize the hazards of getting too close to the riders as they go by.

Untold thousands turned out just hours after one of the biggest British stars in the race, Mark Cavendish, dropped out because of pain from a separated right shoulder sustained in a crash Saturday.

"There are thousands and thousands of people. It's great but it's also dangerous," Contador said.

Race officials say millions of fans have flooded the course route in just the first two stages.

While Yorkshire doesn't have ascents on a par with the Alps or Pyrenees in France, riders faced nine low- to mid-grade climbs. The hardest was the Holme Moss pass. The steepest was also the shortest: The 800-meter Jenkin Road pass had an average gradient of 10.8 percent.

Several riders crashed. Simon Gerrans, who went down with Cavendish in Saturday's stage, also spilled — as did van Garderen and Joachim Rodriguez, the third-place finisher in the 2013 Tour. All recovered to finish the stage.

son in the town.

Dutch goalie: Shootout tactic was fair play

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Netherlands goalkeeper Tim Krul insists he did nothing wrong in confronting Costa Rica's penalty takers during a World Cup quarterfinal shootout.

Krul's crucial two saves on Sunday night followed his novel tactic that tested FI-FA's guidelines on fair play. The substitute goalie faced up to opponents at the penalty spot and repeatedly told them he knew where they'd place their shots. "I don't think I have done anything wrong," Krul said at a team news conference. "I haven't shouted at (them) in an aggressive manner. I haven't done anything crazy. I just told them I knew where they are going."

The Dutch team's 4-3 shootout win after a 0-0 draw set up a semifinal against Argentina.

Krul said he would do the same again if Wednesday's match goes to a shootout and he again gets substituted in for Jasper Cillessen, who is expected to start in the Dutch goal.

"I am trying obviously to get into their heads and it worked," said Krul, who instantly entered World Cup lore, both as a rare replacement and for his trash talk. "I use everything in my power to make it happen." Krul said he learned just before the match that he might be called on in a penalty shootout. Cillessen said he was not told.

"The manager and the goalie coach told me before the game that if we had another substitution left it was a possible he would use me in the penalty shootout," Krul said. "So obviously for me the whole game I was watching it with a different view." Krul said it had been "difficult" sitting on the bench the entire World Cup and watching Cillessen play, craving his chance to start a match. "I'm really pleased the manager



Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul, right, celebrates after saving from Costa Rica's Bryan Ruiz in a penalty shoot out during the World Cup quarterfinal soccer match between the Netherlands and Costa Rica at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Saturday, July 5, 2014. **Associated Press**

showed confidence in me to put me in a quarterfinal of a World Cup," Krul said. "That's something to be really proud of. There is no jealously, but I would love to play. There is nothing better than playing for your country, but Jasper is our No. 1 at the moment."

On the up-and-down, picturesque course, the 197-rider peloton scaled a narrow, cobblestone hill in Haworth, where the Bronte sisters — the famed 19thcentury novelists — lived when their father was par-



Fraud, sex, post-it art: Google cuts search links

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Google's removal of search results in Europe is drawing accusations of press censorship, as stories from some of the continent's most prominent news outlets begin vanishing. The U.S. internet giant said Thursday it is getting 1,000 requests a day to scrub results.

The U.S. firm must comply with a May ruling from the European Union's top court that enables citizens to ask for the removal of embarrassing personal information that pops up on a search of their names. Among links to vanish were stories on a soccer referee who resigned after a scandal in 2010, French office workers making post-it art, a couple having sex on a train and a lawyer facing a fraud trial.

At least three British media outlets, including the Guardian newspaper and public broadcaster BBC, said Google notified them search results in Europe would not contain some links to their publications.

"It is the equivalent of going into libraries and burning books you don't like," Daily Mail Online publisher Martin Clarke said.

BBC Economics Editor Robert Peston said the removal of his 2007 blog post, which was critical of Merrill Lynch's then-CEO Stan O'Neal, means "to all intents and purposes the article has been removed from the public record, given that

Google is the route to information and stories for most people."

The company is only starting to implement the ruling on the "right to be forgotten" and so far the numbers are small: The Guardian cited six articles, the BBC said one critical blog entry was removed, while the Mail Online saw four articles hit. Several German media contacted Thursday said they had not yet received notifications from Google.

"It's not yet really clear what the magnitude of this is," cautioned Joel Reidenberg of Fordham University, currently a visiting professor at Princeton University. "Google may be choosing to go overboard to essentially create a debate about censorship."

The company said it had received more than 70,000 removal requests by the end of June. Each application on average seeks the removal of almost four links, meaning its experts have to individually evaluate more than a quarter-million pages

Google does not explain the decision to remove a link or say who requested it. The company is not disclosing how many appear to fall into areas the court specified as potentially objectionable: results that are "inadequate, irrelevant or no longer relevant."

The purge of search results applies to Google's local search pages covering the EU's 28 member nations and four other European



In this April 17, 2007 file photo, exhibitors of the Google company work on laptop computers in front of an illuminated sign of the Google logo at the industrial fair Hannover Messe in Hanover, Germany.

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countries, encompassing more than 500 million people. The company has a 90 percent market share for searches in Europe. Those who switch to the firm's American domain, Google. com, will find unaltered search results.

The Mountain View, California, company finds itself in an uncomfortable position. It has no choice but to comply with the ruling by the EU top court, which cannot be appealed, but many decisions to remove search results are likely to draw criticism.

"This is a new and evolving process for us," Google spokesman Al Verney said Thursday. "We'll continue to listen to feedback and

will also work with data protection authorities and others as we comply with the ruling."

Princeton's Reidenberg said while the court gave Google little practical guidance on how to implement its decision, it effectively gave the search engine a responsibility similar to those traditional publishers always had — judging whether an information is in the public interest, whether it will withstand legal challenges and whether an individual complaint against it is warranted.

"Google algorithms are already making value judgments all the time as to which information is relevant," he added.

Proponents of the court decision say it gives individuals the possibility to restore their reputation by deleting references to old debts, past arrests and other unflattering episodes. They also note that the court specified Google should not remove links to information when the public's right to know about it outweighs an individual's right to privacy — for example when a politician or public figure seeks to clean online records. "The ruling has created a stopwatch on free expression — our journalism can be found only until someone asks for it to be hidden," author James Ball wrote on the Guardian's website.

World Cup online: Howard's saves, streaming frenzy

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Move over Chuck Norris, the Internet crowned a new hero this week — that's U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard. The 35-year-old player became a Twitter sensation after an astounding 16 saves in the U.S. team's match against Belgium, as the knockout stage of the World Cup continued to play out online this week.

Some ESPN users complained on Twitter of streaming issues, including a reported lag that had them screaming at the action during the U.S. vs. Belgium match minutes after their coworkers who were watching Univision or following the game on Twitter.

Here's a look at how the World Cup fared online this week:

— HOWARD'S HEROICS

Not long after Howard's fortress-like defense on Tuesday, someone changed the Wikipedia entry for "United States Secretary of Defense" to feature the goalkeeper in-

stead of Chuck Hagel, the actual defense secretary. The page was quickly updated, but not before the change made the rounds online.

As of Thursday afternoon, a White House petition to change the name of Ronald Regan Washington National Airport to "Tim Howard National Airport" had nearly 17,000 signatures, short of a 100,000 goal set for July 31.

Online jokesters also plastered Howard's image on famous photos to create a bevy of Internet memes.

These included his face on a brick wall with the words "The Great Wall of America" and replacing the wizard Gandalf shouting "You shall not pass" in the "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

The hashtag #ThingsTim-HowardCouldSave became a trending topic on Twitter. Answers included the Boston Red Sox in the 1986 World Series, dinosaurs and the Titanic. Sadly for the U.S. team, it wasn't enough. Players Mix Diskerud and Brad Guzan posted photos of their packed

luggage on Instagram, ready to head home.

— TWITTER TIDBITS

Tuesday's U.S. vs. Belgium game turned out to be quite the nail-biter, but it only came in fourth place when it comes to the World Cup's most tweeted-about matches so tar. People sent 9.1 million tweets about the match and mentioned Howard 1.8 million times. Brazil's victory over Chile that was decided by penalty kicks on Saturday holds the top spot with 16.4 million tweets.



Street Beat:

What's making US economy a world beater? 5 factors

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WASHINGTON (AP) — How does
the U.S. economy do it?

Europe is floundering. China faces slower growth. Japan is struggling to sustain tentative gains.

Yet the U.S. job market is humming, and the pace of economic growth is steadily rising. Five full years after a devastating recession officially ended, the economy is finally showing the vigor that Americans have long awaited.

Last month, employers added 288,000 jobs and helped reduce the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent, the lowest since September 2008. June capped a five-month stretch of 200,000-plus job gains — the first in nearly 15 years.

After having shrunk at a 2.9 percent annual rate from January through March — largely because of a brutal winter — the U.S. economy is expected to grow at a healthy 3 percent pace the rest of the year.

Here are five reasons the United States is outpacing other major economies:

AN AGGRESSIVE CENTRAL BANK

"The Federal Reserve acted sooner and more aggressively than other central banks in keeping rates low," says Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group.

In December 2008, the Fed slashed short-term interest rates to near zero and has kept them there. Ultra-low loan rates have made it easier for individuals and businesses to borrow and spend. The Fed also launched three bond-buying programs meant to reduce long-term rates.

By contrast, the European Central Bank has been slower to respond to signs of economic distress among the 18 nations that share the euro currency. The ECB actually raised rates in 2011 — the same year the eurozone sank back into recession.

It's worth keeping in mind that the Fed has two mandates: To keep prices stable and to maximize employment. The ECB has just one mandate: To guard against high inflation. The Fed was led during and after the Great Recession by Ben Bernanke, a student of the Great Depression who was determined to avoid a repeat of the 1930s' economic collapse.

Janet Yellen, who succeeded Bernanke as Fed chair this year, has continued his emphasis on nursing the U.S. economy back to health

after the recession of 2007-2009 with the help of historically low rates

STRONGER BANKS

The United States moved faster than Europe to restore its banks' health after the financial crisis of 2008-2009. The U.S. government bailed out the financial system and subjected big banks to stress tests in 2009 to reveal their finan-

Economists say Japan and Europe need to undertake reforms to make their economies more flexible — more, in other words, like America's.

Europe needs to lift wage restrictions that prevent employers from cutting pay (rather than eliminating jobs) when times are bad. It could also rethink welfare and retirement programs that discourage people from working and

on exports and often wasteful investment in real estate and factories to a sturdier but likely slower-growing economy based on more consumer spending.

LESS BUDGET-CUTTING

Weighed down by debt, many European countries took an ax to swelling budget deficits. They slashed pension benefits, raised taxes and cut civil servants' wag-



The American flag and a sign for Wall Street are shown outside the New York Stock Exchange. With Europe floundering, China facing slower growth and Japan struggling to sustain tentative gains, the U.S. job market is humming, and the pace of economic growth is steadily rising. Five full years after a devastating recession officially ended, the economy is finally showing the vigor that Americans have long awaited.

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cial strength. By showing the banks to be surprisingly healthy, the stress tests helped restore confidence in the U.S. financial system.

Banks gradually started lending again. European banks are only now undergoing stress tests, and the results won't be out until fall. In the meantime, Europe's banks lack confidence. They fear that other banks are holding too many bad loans and that Europe is vulnerable to another crisis. So they aren't lending much.

In the United States, overall bank lending is up nearly 4 percent in the past year. Lending to business has jumped 10 percent.

In the eurozone, lending has dropped 3.7 percent overall, according to figures from the Institute of International Finance. Lending to business is off 2.5 percent. (The U.S. figures are for the year ending in mid-June; the European figures are from May.)

A MORE FLEXIBLE ECONOMY

dismantle policies that protect favored businesses and block innovative newcomers, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has argued.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has proposed reforms meant to make the Japanese economy more competitive. He wants to expand child care so more women can work, replace small inefficient farms with more large-scale commercial farms and allow more foreign migrant workers to fill labor shortages in areas such as nursing and construction.

Yet his proposals face fierce opposition.

"Europe and Japan remain less well-positioned for durable long-term growth, as they have only recently begun to tackle their deeprooted structural problems, and a lot remains to be done," says Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University.

China is struggling to manage a transition from an economy based

es. The cuts devastated several European economies. They led to 27 percent unemployment in Greece, 14 percent in Portugal and 25 percent in Spain. The United States has done some budget cutting, too, and raised taxes. But U.S. austerity hasn't been anywhere near as harsh.

A ROARING STOCK MARKET

The Fed's easy-money policies ignited a world-beating U.S. stock market rally. Over the past five years, U.S. stocks have easily outpaced shares in Europe, Japan and Hong Kong. That was one of Bernanke's goals in lowering rates. He figured that miserly fixed-income rates would nudge investors into stocks in search of higher returns. Higher stock prices would then make Americans feel more confident and more willing to spend — the so-called wealth effect.

Most economists agree it's worked.□







A Twitter icon on the display of a smartphone in Berlin.
(AP Photo/dpa, Soeren Stache)

With revenue roaring, Twitter advertising team untouched by turmoil

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Twitter's top executive ranks have been transformed in the past year, from its general counsel to, most recently, its chief financial officer.

Many of the executives have left or been pushed out as Twitter's chief executive, Dick Costolo, has brought in a new team to try to increase sluggish user growth at the social network. But in one very important area of the company - Twitter's ad business - the leadership has remained relatively untouched.

Adam Bain, Twitter's global president of revenue and partnerships, has been Twitter's lead money man since he took the job nearly four years ago.

A former executive at Fox Sports Media Group, Bain came to Twitter to oversee the development of the company's then-nascent advertising products.

In the reorganization after the resignation of Twitter's No. 2 executive, Ali Rowghani, last month, Bain also took over control of business development.

His role atop the moneymaking machine suggests that he might very well be the second most important person at the company after Costolo.

Before Twitter began selling sponsored tweets and

other ad products in 2010, the company had very little revenue, most deriving from licensing deals with companies like Google and Microsoft.

Now Twitter frequently runs sponsored video clips, one of the top social media ad products connected to live televised events, and it is rapidly building out its mobile presence, including challenging Facebook's dominance in mobile app installation ads.

This year, Twitter has said, it expects to post \$1.2 billion to \$1.25 billion in revenue, nearly double the \$665 million it took in last year, although the company expects to continue to report net losses.

Along with enlarging the business and courting big advertisers and TV networks, Bain has poached numerous advertising veterans from technology companies across Silicon Valley to add to his team at Twitter.

Google has been a favorite target. Richard Alfonsi left Google in 2012 to lead the efforts to target smalland medium-sized businesses, while Shailesh Rao and Stephen McIntyre left Google that same year to head Twitter's Asian and European advertising sales efforts.

Bain's chief lieutenant, Kevin Weil, has also risen to prominence.

Wealth Matters:

Learning young the gift of helping others

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The Moret girls, Zoe, Mia and Sophie, are given a choice when they turn 5: Have a birthday party of their choice with presents from their friends or have the same party but forgo the presents.

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and one year she wanted to do this thing with dolphins."

The Moret sisters are part of a small but growing group of children and teenagers who are engaging in charitable giving and being part of philanthropic advisories at a time when most children their age are back to Great Neck, New York, "thinking, 'Oh my God, I have to help everyone right now,'" she said. While she became involved in typical activities, like blood drives and runs to raise money, she has taken her philanthropy to a more sophisticated level through

a grant-making group at



From right: Laurie Moret, who gives her children the chance to donate to charity instead of receiving birthday presents, with her daughters -- Zoe, 8; Mia, 6; and Sophie, 4 -- at their home in Arlington, Va. There is a growing group of children and teenagers who are engaging in charitable giving at a time when most children their age are focused on sports, music or just themselves.

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

ercise in futility for any parent. But so far, the two sisters older than 5 have both opted for no presents. They have asked instead for things that a local charity needs.

For Zoe, now 8, her fifth birthday was a natural melding of her interests. "I love princesses and I wanted to do something to help animals," she said.

The result was a princessthemed party to benefit a local animal shelter. Guests brought what the shelter needed, from biscuits to bleach and copying paper.

"We got to drop off the things at the front desk," Zoe said. "And then we got to go and look at the animals. We're basically at the point where we're going to get a new dog."

She added, "My sisters do it as well. Sophie is still getting presents. But Mia is doing it

focused on sports, music or just themselves.

A study released in June by Fidelity Charitable, which manages donor-advised funds, found that philanthropic giving is increasingly a family affair and that children are getting involved at younger ages. Of the group with donoradvised funds - admittedly a group skewed toward the charitably inclined -94 percent said they had taught or were teaching their children to give to charity. Still, 5 is young to most. Sammie Klainberg, 16, may be closer to what people have in mind when they think of philanthropically minded youth.

When she was 13, she took a trip with a Jewish youth group to San Francisco to spend several weeks volunteering. After working in soup kitchens and other organizations, she came her religious school associated with the Jewish Teen Funders Network.

"I spent the year facilitating and helping," she said.
"I read all the grant proposals. I worked toward building consensus within our group."

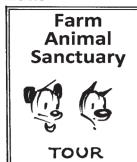
At the end of the year, the group gave several thousand dollars to a local organization that buys books and toys for underprivileged children.

At a time when attention in philanthropy is being focused on billionaires who agree to give away a big chunk of their fortunes, Zoe and Sammie represent an interesting subset of socially minded children. Their altruism is not without challenges. It also carries bigger lessons than the amounts given away.

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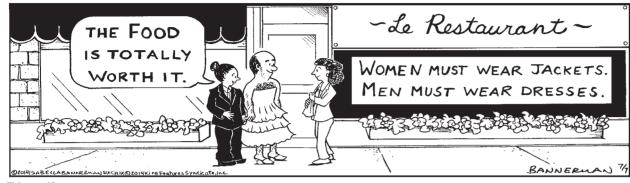
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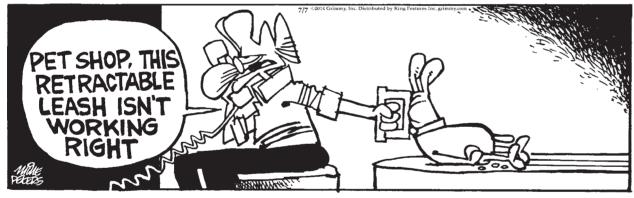
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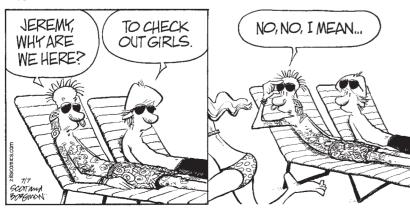
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The first challenge for these children is deciding on a project that is doable.

Olivia Coutre, 12, said that last year she and three friends decided to organize a medicine drive to give essential drugs, like aspirin, to people who couldn't afford them. They quickly realized it was beyond their scope. "You needed a doctor," she said.

So instead they connected with an organization that supplies backpacks full of clothes and shoes to children in the Boston area, where she lives.

"We raised about \$1,000," she said. "We did lots of camps with little kids. We'd charge their parents about \$20."

After raising money for several additional causes,

the girls set up a website -Giving Gals - to let people know what they were doing and also to raise more funds. "We have goals for money," she said, "But we know it's good for people and it's good for us."

With most of these young philanthropists, their parents are involved in some form, Rebecca Dibble, 10. said she became interested in raising money to help girls in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, after visiting Kenya with her parents. Her father, Timothy, is on the board of Shining Hope for Communities, an organization that works in Kibera to educate young girls and make the school a focus of the community.

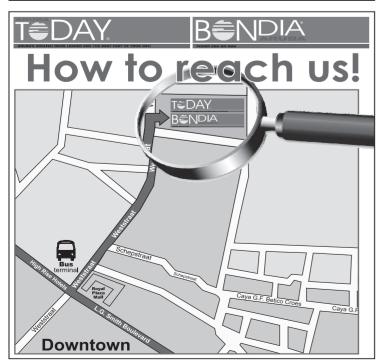
Rebecca, who plays soccer and hockey, said she liked making time to find donations for the group because the girls she met inspired her.



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Study shows how drilling wastewater causes quakes

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A

new study explains how just four wells forcing massive amounts of drilling wastewater into the ground are probably shaking up Oklahoma.

Those wells seem to have triggered more than 100 small-to-medium earth-quakes in the past five years, according to a study published Thursday by the journal Science.

Many of the quakes were much farther away from the wells than expected.

Combined, those wells daily pour more than 5 million gallons (19 million liters) of water a mile or two underground into rock formations, the study found. That buildup of fluid creates more pressure that "has to go somewhere," said study lead author Cornell University seismologist Katie Kergnen

Researchers originally figured the water diffused through underground



In this Nov, 6, 2011 file photo, Chad Devereaux examines bricks that fell from three sides of his in-laws home in Sparks, Okla., following two earthquakes that hit the area in less than 24 hours.

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rocks slowly. But instead, it is moving faster and farther and triggers quake fault lines that already were likely ready to move, she said. "You really don't need to raise the pressure a great deal," she added.

The study shows the likely way in which the pressure can trigger fault lines — which already existed yet

were not too active—but researchers need more detail on the liquid injections themselves to absolutely prove the case, Keranen said.

The wastewater is leftover from unconventional wells that drill for oil and gas with help of high pressure liquids — nicknamed fracking — and from the remov-

al of water from diluted oil. These new methods mean much more wastewater has to be discarded. While there are about 8,000 deep injection wells in the region, the amount of water injected at the four wells — named Chambers, Deep Throat, Flower Power and Sweetheart — has more than doubled since the drilling boom started about a decade ago.

From 1976 to 2007, Oklahoma each year averaged about one quake of magnitude 3 or more — strong enough to feel locally but too weak to cause damage. But from 2008 to 2013, the state averaged 44 earthquakes of that size every year.

So far this year there have been another 233, Keranen said, getting her earthquake figures from the U.S. Geological Survey database.

The rattling has led some Oklahomans to push for restrictions on the use of injection wells. While past research has shown more quakes in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas and correlated it statistically to injection wells, this study used computer simulations to identify the mechanism of how massive amounts of water travel as much as 20 miles (32 million kilometers) from the well.

The pressure then triggers existing small faults— or previously unknown ones. In the past, scientists thought wells could only jump-start quakes within 3 miles (5 kilometers) or so.

Austin Holland, a seismologist at the Oklahoma Geological Survey said Keranen's study confirms what he is seeing in the field and will help better understand what's happening in Oklahoma.

"It's a study that needed to be done," said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Elizabeth Cochran. "That changes how we might look at the hazard for a particular well."



performs during the show program of the "TV total Stock Car Crash Challenge 2006" celebrities race at the Veltins-Arena in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany.

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MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — It may not destroy your soul, but it



Headbanging caused brain bleed in Motorhead fan

turns out heavy metal music can be hazardous to your brain. At least in some rare cases.

German doctors say they have treated a Motorhead fan whose headbanging habit ultimately led to a brain injury, but that the risk to metal fans in general is so small they don't need to give up the shaking.

Last January, doctors at Hannover Medical School saw a 50-year-old man who complained of constant, worsening headaches. The patient, who was not identified, had no history of head injuries or substance abuse problems but said he had been headbanging regularly for years — most recently at a Motorhead concert he attended with his son.

After a scan, doctors discovered their patient had a brain bleed and needed a hole drilled into his brain to drain the blood. The pa-

tient's headaches soon disappeared. In a follow-up scan, the doctors saw he had a benign cyst which might have made the metal aficionado more vulnerable to a brain injury.

"We are not against head-banging," said Dr. Ariyan Pirayesh Islamian, one of the doctors who treated the man. "The risk of injury is very, very low. But I think if (our patient) had (gone) to a classical concert, this would not have happened."

Islamian said the violent shaking of the head in headbanging can sometimes be enough to cause damage as the brain bumps up against the skull and noted a handful of previous injuries, also in heavy metal fans. The latest case was described in a report published online Friday in the journal Lancet. Motorhead is a British metal band known for helping

create the "speed metal" genre, which inspires extremely fast headbanging. Islamian described the band as "one of the most hard-core rock 'n' roll acts on earth."

Doctors said headbangers shouldn't be discouraged from enjoying their favorite bands

"There are probably other higher risk events going on at rock concerts than headbanging," noted Dr. Colin Shieff, a neurosurgeon and trustee of the British brain injury advocacy group Headway. "Most people who go to music festivals and jump up and down while shaking their heads don't end up in the hands of a neurosurgeon." Islamian agreed heavy metal fans shouldn't necessarily skip the headbang-

"Rock 'n' roll will never die," he said. "Heavy metal fans should rock on."a



Despite hits, no radio love yet for country rap



In this April 26, 2014 file photo, Jason Aldean performs during his headlining set on day two of the 2014 Stagecoach Music Festival at the Empire Polo Field in Indio, Calif.

KRISTIN M. HALL **Associated Press** NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

When Jason Brown came to Nashville to start his career as the country artist Colt Ford, he couldn't find songwriters who would write for his singing style.

No surprise. Ford was bringing an unlikely mix to town: country rap, combining hip-hop beats and rhythms with country-themed rap or spoken-word lyrics.

"You might have found a song that you could have altered or changed a little bit," Ford said, "but you wouldn't have been able to find a record in that style."

But after country star Jason Aldean tried his hand at rapping on one of Ford's songs and turned it into one of the biggest hits of Aldean's career, songwriters, producers and mainstream country artists are now eager to work with him to figure out the key to this hot new sound in country music.

Still, Ford has never had his own Top 40 radio hit, even as his last album in However, he says country

cally delivering it."

radio stations also have to weigh regional and local tastes for a now much broader range of country music.

"If it's a hit song, it will get on the radio regardless of who is singing it," Hunnicutt said. "They are pushing the envelope. Maybe they are a little ahead of their time and how far you want to go with that, but they are doing their thing and being very successful."

Even without mainstream radio hits, the blend of rap and country elements has caught on through other outlets. Big Smo, a country rapper whose debut album on Warner Bros. landed in the Top 10 of

it's a different way of lyri- both Billboard's rap and country charts in June, developed his own fan base, nicknamed "kinfoke," with homemade YouTube videos shot on his family's farm in Unionville, Tennessee.

Big Smo, whose real name is John Smith, raps about working class lives in small Southern towns — virtually interchangeable lyrics with the current top country songs.

He sees the trend of mainstream country artists exploring rap styles as a positive move for performers like him who are trying to break through on that sound.

"Timing is very important when it comes to things like because entertainment you have to have a mood set among the masses,"

Big Smo said. "I got very fortunate with my timing." Big Smo is also tapping into another related demographic with his A&E reality show, "Big Smo." Just as "Duck Dynasty" and "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" capitalized on a growing interest in middleclass families versus celebrity culture, Big Smo's show focuses on his friends, his family and their involvement in his growing music

And he's winning over critics one song and one episode at a time.

"That's why radio is going to have a hard time saying no to this new genre of music," Big Smo said. "Because people want to hear it. And it's the same with the TV show."

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2012 debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's country album chart.

That may soon change. His new album, "Thanks For Listening," released on July 1, features a very radiofriendly duet with Keith Urban called "She's Like."

"When I hear what's going on in mainstream radio, I go, 'Well, why can't you play me? You play the other stuff that is exactly what I do,'" Ford said. "That's frustrating to me."

The country radio format now leans heavily toward 18-35 year olds who grew up in the hip-hop boom of the late '80s through early '90s, says Clay Hunnicutt, Clear Channel's executive vice president of national programming and country brand manager.

It may be one thing for a country song to be remixed or for a country artist to dabble in hip hop, but "rap" still faces a bias.

"I think rap gets treated like a dirty word," Hunnicutt said. "To me, Jason Aldean doing 'Dirt Road Anthem' is not rap. It's a different way of doing the song and





Ford injury to halt 'Star Wars' for 2 weeks



This Oct. 28, 2013 file photo shows actor Harrison Ford at the LA Premiere of "Ender's Game" in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Harrison Ford's injury will cause production on "Star Wars: Episode VII" to be suspended for two weeks. Disney announced Sunday that shooting would be halted for two weeks in August to adjust the production schedule following Ford's injury. The 71-year-old actor broke his leg in June during filming of the much-anticipated sequel at Pinewood

Studios outside of London. Disney had said earlier that Ford's injury wouldn't cause any delays. The studio said Sunday that "Episode VII" is still "on track" to wrap in the fall and be released in December 2015.

The accident involved a spacecraft door on the Millennium Falcon falling on Ford's leg. His recuperation was expected to take up to two months.

Jessica Simpson weds ex-NFLer Eric Johnson

MONTECITO, California (AP) — Jessica Simpson is a newlywed.

The singer and TV personality married retired NFL player Eric Johnson Saturday at San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, California, her publicist Lauren Auslander confirms.

Simpson and Johnson began dating in 2010. They have a two-year-old daughter, Maxwell, and a one-year-old son named Ace.

Auslander said Ace served as a ring bearer and Maxwell walked down the aisle as a flower girl.

It is the second marriage for both Simpson, 33, and the 34-year-old Johnson. Simpson was previously married to singer Nick Lachey. The two co-starred on a VH1



In this May 3, 2014, file photo, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson attend the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington.

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reality series "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica" for three seasons. Shortly after their third wedding anniversary, the two split up.

McCartney returns to stage after hospitalization



Sir Paul McCartney performs with his band during the "Out There" Tour at the Times Union Center on Saturday, July 5, 2014, in Albany, N.Y.

Associated Press

DAVID BAUDER AP Entertainment Writer ALBANY, New York (AP) —

Paul McCartney returned to a concert stage Saturday after being sidelined for two months because of a virus, spinning out songs from the Beatles, Wings and a solo career that has spanned more than 50 years of rock 'n' roll.

"It's great to be back," said McCartney, who turned 72 two weeks ago. He looked none the worse for wear, putting on a show of just under three hours with 38 songs before finishing with the three-song medley that ends the "Abbey Road" album

McCartney was briefly hospitalized in Tokyo in May because of the viral infection. The illness forced him to cancel a Japanese tour and a concert in South Korea and reschedule half a dozen June dates in the United States before re-

suming his "Out There" tour in Albany.

Before his illness, McCartney last performed May 1 in Costa Rica.

McCartney opened with the Beatles' "Eight Days a Week." He wore black jeans and a sky blue blazer. When he took the jacket off four songs in, he joked that it was the only wardrobe change of the evening.

The crowd-pleasing show contained a mix of expected hits like "Hey Jude" and "Let it Be," four songs from McCartney's latest album and a generous sampling from more obscure corners of his catalog, including the Beatles' songs "Lovely Rita" and "Being For the Benefit of Mr. Kite" and Wings work such as "Another Day" and "1985." Most of the 1980s and 1990s were passed over.

He paid tribute to the two late members of the Beatles, singing "Here Today" to former songwriting partner John Lennon, which McCartney described as the conversation they never had. He began playing George Harrison's song "Something" on the ukulele, and it built into a full band rendition.

McCartney also honored another late rock star, Jimi Hendrix, with an instrumental interlude of "Purple Haze."

McCartney's wife, Nancy, was on hand and he dedicated the song "My Valentine" to her. Perhaps one oblique reference to his absence was the new song, "On My Way to Work," which McCartney said he hadn't performed publicly before.

During his second encore, he brought a couple from Rochester onstage after the woman held up a sign saying her boyfriend wouldn't marry her until he met McCartney.

After the man led the audience in a verse of "When I'm 64" to honor his age, he went to his knees and successfully proposed.

"And he booked us for the wedding," McCartney ioked.

It's a busy year for Mc-Cartney, who marked the 50th anniversary of his first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" this winter, which marked the beginning of Beatlemania in the United States.

He has 19 U.S. shows scheduled, including one at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, where the Beatles made their final concert appearance in 1966.

Book offers prequel to Disney movie 'Descendants'

NEW YORK (AP) — Best-selling author Melissa de la Cruz is working on a book based on the Disney Channel movie "Descendants." Disney Publishing Worldwide announced Wednesday that "Isle of the Lost"

will be a prequel to the planned TV movie about the children of Maleficent and other Disney villains. The movie will be directed by "High School Musical" director Kenny Ortega and will star Kristin Chenoweth.

The book and the film come out next year.

De la Cruz is known for her million-selling "Blue Bloods" series and for the series "Au Pairs" and "The Ashleys."



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Political Pop Quiz



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Happy July! Let's see how well you can do on this Halfway Through the Year Political Quiz:

1. Chris Christie has spent several months wrestling with Bridgegate. One of the key players in the fiasco, David Wildstein, went to high school with the governor. Christie said that although they knew each other as teenagers ..

A) "We had a different lunch pe-

B) "We didn't travel in the same circles in high school. You know, I was the class president and athlete.

C) "He did not sign my yearbook 'Remember all the fun we had in detention hall.'

D) "The story about us getting suspended for stealing traffic cones is greatly exaggerated."

2. Rep. Paul Ryan gave a speech about the National School Lunch Program in which he said:

A) "I am a big fan of the lentil sal-

B) "I propose we shut down the government until they bring back white bread.'

C) "Every time I see a fish stick it reminds me of the happy days I've spent noodling. Do you know about noodling? You stick your fist down a catfish's throat and pull him out of the water.'

D) "What they're offering people is a full stomach and an empty

3. The House majority leader, Eric Cantor, was unexpectedly defeated for re-election on a day ... A) When a fortuneteller had warned him to beware of college professors carrying books about Ayn Rand.

B) That he began at a Washington Starbucks, hosting a fundraising gathering for lobbyists.

C) When he promised his children that they would go noodling for catfish after the victory party.

D) When he awoke from a nightmare in which he was posing for photos at his polling place and realized he had forgotten to put on his pants

4. Hillary Clinton got around \$250,000 for giving a speech at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries convention. While she was talkina someone

A) Discovered that she had charged Friends of Composting only \$200,000.

B) Threw a shoe at her.

C) Asked her if she was going to run for president. Clinton said that no one had ever brought that up before and that she probably would.

D) Presented her with an award for Most Different-Colored Pant5. The Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, beat back Tea Party challenger Matt Bevin, whose terrible campaign included an appearance at a rally for cockfighting. In defense Bevin

A) Some of his best friends were roosters.

The founding fathers liked cockfighting.

C) He was trying to wean the crowd off the sport of kittenbait-

D) He had wandered in mistakenly while searching for the park-

6. After the State of the Union speech, a TV reporter approached Rep. Michael Grimm of New York to ask about allegations that Grimm broke campaign finance laws. Grimm responded

A) Proposing that they talk instead about President Barack Obama's remarks on income inequality.

B) Asking the reporter if he had ever stopped to enjoy the great view of the Capitol rotunda from the balcony where they were standing.

C) Threatening to throw the reporter over the balcony, then adding: "No, no, you're not man enough. You're not man enough. I'll break you in half. Like a boy."

D) Explaining that his real problems were pending indictments for hiring illegal immigrants to work at his restaurant and paying them under the table.

Former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown moved his residence to New Hampshire so he could run against Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. Asked whether the fact that he had not actually lived in New Hampshire since he was a year and a half old would be a problem, Brown replied:

A) "Look, everybody knows that a person's brain develops mostly during the first year.'

B) "Do I have the best credentials? Probably not, 'cause, you know, whatever.

C) "Do you want to go for a ride in my truck? I have a really cool truck.'

D) "Is this New Hampshire? I thought I was running in Maine."

8. The Republican nominee for the Senate in Iowa became famous for a video in which she bragged, "I grew up ..

A) In a town where it was every girl's dream to be crowned Miss Ethanol.

B) Hoping that one day I would be able to make a difference and vote against Obamacare 60 times in a single year."

C) Castrating hogs on an lowa farm.'

D) Licking the butter cow at the state fair.

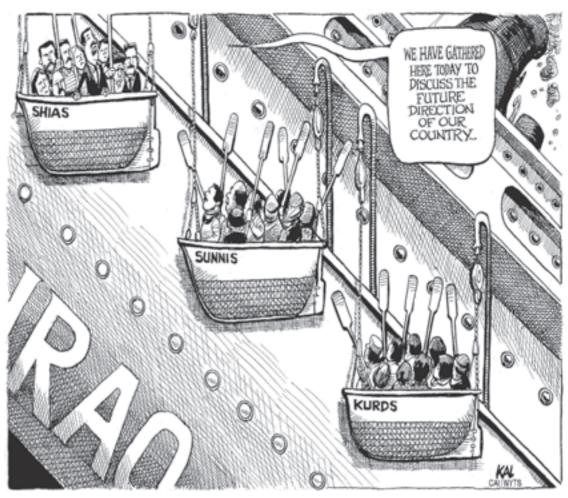
9. George H.W. Bush sent out a fundraising letter for the Republican National Committee that began: "Friend, I don't know what your guilty pleasures are in life but

A) I like jumping out of airplanes." B) One of mine is napping.'

C) One of mine is socks."

D) I enjoy siring presidential can-

ANSWERS: 1-B, 2-D, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B, 6-C, 7-B, 8-C, 9-C.□



Porsches, Potholes and Patriots



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The anti-tax crusader pulls out of his driveway in his Porsche, hoping that the neighbors are watching. He's proud that it's the most expensive car on his block. "That's the greatness of America," he muses. "That's what we should celebrate on July 4! I spend money so much more wisely than government.'

Three blocks later, Babbitt, as we'll call him, swerves to avoid one pothole and lands in another. There's a sickening thud. With a sinking heart, Babbitt gets out to examine the damage.

"*@#% government!" he curses. "They can't even fix the roads. Now I've got a flat, and my rim is bent! What's the point of owning a hot car when the government can't even fix the roads?

Babbitt calls a tow truck and gets to the office two hours late, missing a meeting with a client. "The government is like George III," he moans. "Robs us blind and doesn't do anything for us!"

Voters like Babbitt will play a major role in this year's elections, and politicians are often too timid to point out the blunt truth: Sometimes money is better spent by the government than by individu-

als. Indeed, it seems to me that we're at a point where we would be better off as a nation paying a bit more in taxes and in exchange getting better schools, safer food, less congested roads - and, overall, a higher standard of living.

America's infrastructure is now so wretched that, in some areas, the only people who drive straight are the drunks. Anyone who is sober swerves to avoid potholes.

In New Jersey, the gas tax hasn't been increased since 1992, and two-thirds of the roads are now evaluated as in poor or mediocre condition. The upshot, one study found, is that the average motorist spends \$601 per year in repair costs. It sure seems as if society would be better off spending a little in taxes to improve roads and then saving on car repairs - not to mention in injuries and fatalities averted.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gives America a grade of D+ for infrastructure and estimates congestion on highways costs the economy \$101 billion annually in wasted time and fuel. A study of American bridges found that more than 66,000 in America are structurally deficient; laid end to end, the deficient ones would reach from Canada to Mexico.

Yet on the campaign trail, it's a brave politician who acknowledges that taxes have their uses. Around July Fourth, we should be able to celebrate that some of our greatest national achievements aren't tax cuts but public investments:

- America was the first country to invest in mass elementary education for boys and girls, then in high schools, and then in widespread college education. As Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz of Harvard have argued, this may be the best explanation for America's rise to global pre-eminence. - The United States invested in the electrical grid, with public projects like the Tennessee Valley Authority and rural electrification. These hugely raised living standards and economic output.

- President Dwight Eisenhower, who had been part of an army convoy that took 62 days to cross the United States on wretched roads, invested in the 1950s in the interstate highway system. The interstates knitted together the country and created huge economic efficiencies.

These were visionary schemes that, if newly proposed today, might not get off the ground. Our schools have tumbled by global standards, we haven't ensured access to the Internet the way we did to the electrical grid, and our highway trust fund is almost broke. So, on Independence Day, let's celebrate a heritage not just of opposing taxation without representation, but also of wise public investment. In the 1790s, President George Washington and other patriots crushed the Whiskey Rebellion, a progenitor of modern anti-tax crusades. It's time for patriots again to defend reasonable

The ratio of tax to GDP has changed little in the United States in the last six decades. Other countries, as they grew richer, chose to increase taxes and services, but the United States has resisted that trend and is now near the bottom of the pack of industrialized countries in taxation levels, notes Andrea Louise Campbell, a political scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The wealthy, in particular, pay low income taxes in the United States. And loopholes mean that the corporate tax burden is lower in the United States than amona our peers.

So as we celebrate July Fourth, let's get real about government. Sure, tax money is sometimes squandered, as is money in business. But what strengthens us as a nation is often investments in public goods that benefit all Americans - and, after all, there's not much point in saving on taxes to buy a Porsche when the roads all have potholes.



Spain's Famed Bull Run Festival Begins in Pamplona



Revelers hold up traditional red neckties during the launch of the 'Chupinazo' rocket, to celebrate the official opening of the 2014 San Fermin fiestas, in Pamplona, Spain, Sunday, July 6, 2014. Revelers from around the world kick off the festival with a messy party in the Pamplona town square, one day before the first of eight days of the running of the bulls glorified by Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises."

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crammed into the main square and adjacent nar-(AP) row streets of northern

— Thousands of revelers Pamplona on Sunday for the start of Spain's famed San Fermin running of the bulls festival — a potent mix

of adrenaline and alcoholfueled celebrations that span over a week.

The fiesta, an uproarious blend of hair-raising daily bull runs and all-night partying, was immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises." The event still attracts huge crowds — and headlines of people being injured by the bulls — every year.

Revelers wearing traditional white outfits trimmed with red neckerchiefs and cummerbunds gathered for the noontime launching of a firework rocket, which signals the beginning of the nine-day festival.

Pamplona is located just south of the Rioja vineyard region, and wine has for centuries played an important role in the celebrations, which commemorate the city's patron saint.

On Sunday, festival-goers drank from traditional leather wine pouches, or delighted in spraying the liquid over each other. Others poured wine from balconies overhead.

(AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

The first of eight bull runs is set to begin at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) Monday when thousands of thrill-seekers will aspire to run alongside six fearsome bulls down a narrow 875 yards (800 meters) course through the city's streets. Late in the afternoon the bulls will face matadors and be killed in the ring. Dozens of people are injured each year in the runs. Most get hurt after tripping and falling in the rush, but some are gored and trampled by the large, muscle-laden beasts.

The fighting bulls used in the centuries-old fiesta can weigh up to at 1,380 pounds (625 kilograms) and have killed 15 people since record-keeping began in 1924.



Revelers dance on the street during the launch of the 'Chupinazo' rocket, to celebrate the official opening of the 2014 San Fermin fiestas, in Pamplona, Spain, Sunday, July 6, 2014.

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